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On 3rd year of invasion Afghans hold protest rallies world over

LONDON, Dec. 27 (R)—Afghan protesters staged big marches in Iranian, Indian, West German and American cities Monday to mark the third anniversary of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Tehran radio said Afghans living in the city marched in front of the Soviet Embassy hut reported no disturbances. The demonstrators carried portraits of Ayatollah Khomeini and chanted slogans demanding the expulsion of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, the radio said.

Big marches were held in Mashhad, Zahedan, Kerman, Esfahan and Savah, it said. An estimated one-and-a-half to two million Afghans live in Iran.

In New Delhi, about 100 Afghan refugees, including women and children, gathered at police barriers outside the Soviet Embassy chanting slogans for a Soviet withdrawal. About 20 refugees Monday ended a 48-hour hunger strike outside the embassy which they staged to mark the anniversary.

In Geneva, the Soviet consulate's gate was daubed with red paint. The Swiss News Agency said a caller said it represented the blood of a million Afghans killed by Soviet troops.

In Bonn, waving protest banners in Arabic and German, several hundred demonstrators marched to the Soviet Embassy Monday.

Bonn police said the demonstrators, many of them Afghans, numbered about 500. Their green and white banners read, "Afghanistan lives" and "down with the KGB."

Police said there were no incidents during the peaceful demonstration. They said the demonstrators gathered at Bonn's central marketplace before marching to the embassy.

In Los Angeles hundreds of Afghans joined in prayers and burned a replica of the Soviet flag. Among those at the demonstration outside the Federal Building in West Los Angeles was Aziz Djamilly, 33, a jewelry salesman who said many of his relatives remain in the Afghan capital of Kabul.

Meanwhile freedom fighters claimed Monday to have inflicted heavy damage and casualties during a mortar attack last week on a Soviet airbase near the Pakistan border.

A spokesman for the Yunis Khalis group said 40 Afghan and Soviet troops were killed or wounded when a group of 50 Mujahideen attacked Jalalabad airport Dec. 21.

The spokesman, Muhammad Yaqub Sharafat, said two helicopters and four armored vehicles were destroyed. Jalalabad is located in Nangarhar province, about 80 kilometers west of the Pakistan border. Sharafat said the freedom fighters withdrew without suffering any losses.

Afghan resistance sources said over the past week several hundred freedom fighters had slipped into Kabul from mountain hide-outs to attack targets there.

The sources said since mid-December Soviet and Afghan troops with air support had launched big operations against Mujahideen's infiltration routes to head off attacks on Kabul.

Radio Kabul reported Sunday night that 50 fighters were captured or killed in the Logar and Badakhshan provinces bordering Pakistan.

China's leading newspaper said Monday that three years after invading Afghanistan, the Soviet Union "is bogged down in the mire" instead of having a springboard for its southward drive.

Solidarity revival urged

WARSAW, Dec. 27 (AP)—Leaders of the outlawed Solidarity labor union have vowed to continue their efforts to revive the organization as "an indispensable condition...for social peace."

"The Polish crisis cannot be solved without Solidarity," said a letter given to Western correspondents dated Dec. 10 and signed by eight top union leaders who were held in Bialoleka prison until last week. Five of the men were later arrested on unspecified charges and the other three were released from martial law internment.

Those signing the letter did not include Lech Walesa, chairman of Solidarity, who was freed from internment in isolation Nov. 13.

"Our union was formed by millions of people and it still exists thanks to their will," the letter said, charging that an Oct. 8 bill outlawing Solidarity contradicts "reality" and an international convention on the rights of man signed by Poland.

"We were elected to the top boards of the union under democratic elections and we received a mandate of confidence from the members of the union," it said.

"No decision of the authorities can strip us of this mandate," it said. "We want to state with emphasis that we shall not give up the moral obligation we took to our members and we shall continue to fight for our union within the scope of possibilities."

"First of all, we will try to revive its formal registration" by the Polish authorities. "We are convinced the presence of our union in the life of the country is an indispensable condition for the people to gain their rights, to exercise control over the authorities."

U.S. ready to give Egypt arms aid

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (AFP)—The U.S. administration is prepared to give Egypt as much military aid as it wants, but may run into opposition from Congress, U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger said in an interview in Monday's edition of the Egyptian newspaper *Al Akhbar*.

Weinberger stressed "the importance of the role played by Egypt, which occupies a strategic position in an extremely important part of the world." But he indicated that the Reagan administration could encounter "problems with Congress regarding military assistance to various countries."

Weinberger also reaffirmed that President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace initiative, the "basis for U.S. action," put top priority on a withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon, followed by a settlement in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

Reagan's peace proposal of last September called for Palestinian autonomy in association with Jordan to the West Bank.

Describing Egypt as "a very friendly country," Weinberger said "we believe Egypt has a strong military force, and we want to provide Egypt with all the aid it asks for."

Indian Sikhs set for a showdown

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (AFP)—The leadership of the Sikh militants in Punjab Monday said they were preparing for "an all-out confrontation" with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's federal government to achieve their demands.

Sang Harchand Longowal, chairman of the Sikhs Akali Dal political party, told reporters at Amritsar that "without an all-out confrontation," the government would not concede to their demands, the Press Trust of India reported.

"We have already started preparing ourselves, and the convening of retired Sikh servicemen was a step in this direction," he added.

Over 10,000 retired Sikh army men had attended a meeting last week called by Longowal to discuss their active support of the mass movement.

Fahd greets ulema, citizens

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA)—King Fahd Monday received the ulema of the Kingdom and well-wishers who flocked to welcome him back to Saudi Arabia after his trip abroad.

The King told them he was pleased at the enforcement of the Islamic Sharia in the Muslim countries he had visited.

He added that there had been an Islamic revival since the Islamic world had realized its might and understood glory is linked to Ouran.

He said his trip had given him a chance to talk with fellow leaders on issues affecting the Arab and Islamic worlds and pooder ways to bring about peace and prosperity.

In an unrelated development, King Fahd Monday received a message of thanks from the presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR in reply to an earlier message from him on the occasion of the Soviet Union's National Day.

Nutritionist says hunger back in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—A growing number of people in the United States cannot afford what experts consider a minimum diet, according to Dr. Jean Mayer, a nutritionist and president of Tufts University.

Mayer, appearing Sunday on the CBS Television program "Face the nation," said the government is responsible for a resurgence of hunger years after it had been eliminated.

"With the steady backing away at food programs, we are seeing hunger re-appear in the United States, and I am very worried that some of the conquests we have seen are going to be lost," he said.

Asked about U.S. President Ronald Reagan's statement that reports of malnutrition are exaggerated, Mayer said, "I'm sure there are many things the president knows that I don't know, but nutrition does not happen to be one of them."

Dog blots copybook

STRASBOURG, Dec. 27 (AFP)—A poodle pushed his mistress out of a third storey window here Sunday.

Mrs. Claude Reinert, 32, had gone to a party with her dog and in the early hours of the morning decided to take the poodle for a walk to allow him to do what dogs have to do.

She called the poodle but the dog, excited by the revelries, leapt at his owner, knocked her off balance.

Mrs. Reinert fell backwards through a window, landing three floors below on a lawn which cushioned her fall, and she escaped with a broken leg.

Sectarian fighting halted

Tight noose round pullout talks venue

KHALDE, Dec. 27 (AP)—Israeli forces moved in to halt sectarian fighting in the hills surrounding this Beirut suburb as Lebanese and Israeli advance security and logistics teams prepared for Tuesday's negotiations on the withdrawal of foreign armies.

After a night of heavy shelling in the nearby towns of Shweifat and Kfar Shima, Israeli tanks and armored personnel carriers took up positions Monday throughout the hills overlooking Khalde, eight kilometers (five miles) south of Beirut.

"The area is completely secured by the Israeli forces," said Brus Kashtan, a spokesman for the Israeli foreign affairs office, in an interview at the hotel. "There hasn't been a shot fired anywhere in the area."

A Lebanese Army unit of about 100 men took over the immediate surroundings of the "Lebanon Beach" hotel where the talks are to begin at 10:30 a.m. (0830GMT) Tuesday.

A 30-man Israeli logistics team, including security men in civilian clothes, arrived Monday morning and began setting up telephone lines and communications links.

Kashtan told the Associated Press at the hotel that the Israeli delegation would arrive by air at Beirut International Airport at 9 a.m. (0700GMT) Tuesday and travel the two kilometers (1.2 miles) to Khalde with a Lebanese army escort.

In Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Menachem Begin was quoted as saying Lebanon is refusing to sign a working paper for talks with Israel.

Members of the Knesset (parliament) foreign affairs and security committee quoted Begin as telling a closed session the paper would nonetheless serve as the basis of the talks in Lebanon on an Israeli pullout. They said he told them Lebanon had agreed on the working paper but would not sign it.

"We tried to get it signed before the talks opened but this didn't work out," Begin was quoted as saying.

He also told the committee that the United States supported Israel in its demand for a full withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, but no agreement had yet been reached on procedures for evacuating the remaining Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) forces from Lebanon.

The Lebanese, however, say they have only one item on their proposed agenda—the withdrawal. They have indicated they are willing to discuss some of security arrangements, but not normalization.

"From our side, there is nothing more (to discuss) than what I said earlier—we want the specific right to an independent and free country... (and) unconditional withdrawal from Lebanese territory," Wazzan said Monday.

Beirut massacre Israelis passing the buck

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27 (AP)—The conflict raging in the Israeli defense community over apportioning blame for the Beirut massacre broke into the open Monday before Israel's massacre inquiry commission with veiled allegations of buck-passing and doctored evidence.

At the focus of the latest session were two officers who were managing the situation room in the defense ministry when the first reports filtered in that Lebanese Christian militiamen, sent into the Sabra and Shatila camps by Israel to flush out commandos, were massacring hundreds of Palestinians.

Lt. Col. Reuven Gai, who had previously testified that he promptly passed on the report to Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's to civilian aide, Avi Dudai, stuck to his account under sharp questioning by Dudai's lawyer.

Gai, an officer in the defense ministry's national security unit, reiterated in Monday's session that on Sept. 17, the morning after the massacre started, he had passed on to Dudai raw unsubstantiated data that 300 civilians had been killed in the camps.

The lawyer, Gabriel Cohen, sought to discredit Gai's memory of events and knock down the impression that Sharon should have known hours earlier than he said he did that a slaughter was taking place. Sharon has testified he heard of the massacre only late Friday, Sept. 17.

At one point, Gai said, "there was supposedly an attempt to saddle us with all the blame as though we were the party responsible for doing all of the reporting." Asked who was doing the saddling, the young, uniformed officer replied, "it's so relevant."

The implication, however, judging from earlier testimony, was that military intelligence was trying to put the blame on the national security unit, which is also a military outfit but serves the civilian defense ministry.

Dudai's lawyer produced an army major winner was Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa.

Philippine blasts kill 7, injure 100

PAGADIAN, Dec. 27 (AP)—Nearly simultaneous explosions ripped through a crowded ship and a public market, killing seven people and wounding nearly 100.

Col. Jose Halcon, provincial constabulary commander, blamed the bombings on the Moro National Liberation Front, which authorities say has been responsible for six other bombings in Pagadian during the past two years.

A time-bomb exploded Sunday on board the motor vessel *Lady Ruth*, twisting metal, flooring and splintering cots where passengers were preparing to sail for Zamboanga city, 125 miles (200 km) southwest of Pagadian, which is 500 miles (800 km) south of Manila.

Halcon said six women were killed aboard the boat, and an 8-year-old girl selling vegetables died in the market blast.

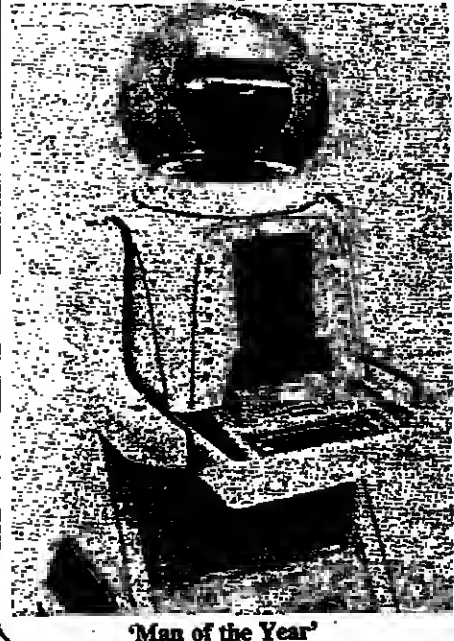
He said about 75 other people were injured on the boat which carried 200 passengers, and 25 were wounded in the market area. Local hospitals listed several people in serious condition.

Computer named 'Man of the Year'

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—For the first time, *Time* magazine's "Man of the Year" isn't human—it's a computer.

"The enduring American love affairs with the automobile and the television set are now being transformed into a giddy passion for the personal computer," the American weekly said in announcing the 1982 "Man of the Year."

The magazine said its editors have, since 1927, honored the individual who has had the most impact, for good or evil, on the course of events during the year. Last year's



The computer scored over Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, U.S. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker and E.T., the fictional hero of the year's biggest American movie, *E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial*.

Time said that when 1982's figures are totaled, 2.8 million personal computers will have been sold by 100 companies for \$4.9 billion. Just two years ago, 20 firms sold 724,000 units for \$1.8 billion.

"In 1982 a cascade of computers deepened and blipped their way into the American office, the American school, the American home," *Time* said.

'Woman of the Year' is Maggie

Time polled 1,019 registered voters nationwide. Almost 80 percent said they expected computers to be as common as televisions or dishwashers in the near future. About two-thirds said they believed the computer would raise production and living standards and improve the education of their children.

Meanwhile, The British Broadcasting Corporation announced Monday that Pope John Paul II and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher were voted man and woman of the year by listeners to the British Broadcasting Corp.'s highbrow Channel Radio 4.

The pope, who last May became the first-ever pontiff to visit this Protestant country, and Conservative leader Mrs.



Mrs. Thatcher Thatcher, who took the nation to victory in the Falklands war against Argentina, ousted Prince Charles and Princess Diana who topped the 1981 poll.

Roger Holland, editor of the Channel's daily current affairs program "Today," which started the poll last year, said "thousands" of listeners wrote in to elect the most newsworthy man and woman of 1982.

Charles, 34-year-old heir to the throne, and Diana, 21, topped the poll in 1981, the year they were married in a blaze of national and international publicity. Diana ranked fifth this year, despite the June birth of her son Prince William and Charles was ninth in the men's section.

Peso devaluation boosts exports

Argentina records trade expansion

By K.S. Ramakumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 27 — Argentina's trade with the Kingdom, like with the rest of the world, has registered a big increase during the current year due to the devaluation of the Peso (Argentine currency), according to its Trade Secretary Ruben Caro.

Going by the \$20 million worth of exports to the Kingdom in the first two quarters of 1982, it is expected that they will total at least \$40 million in the whole of the year. The exports in 1981 were valued at \$26 million, he said.

Caro said the competitive prices, consequent to the devaluation, offered by Argentina resulted in the big increase in its export to

the Kingdom — "the biggest and the most interesting market in the Middle East."

Argentina's other principal markets are the United States, Latin America and the Soviet Union, he added.

According to Caro, the principal export items have been iron and steel products like seamless pipes, steel structures and iron bars for building construction, and foodstuffs like meat of animals including lamb, beef, and fish varieties like Red Snapper and Croaker.

The country has also been exporting aluminium, granite and accounting machines, though in small quantities.

Biscuits and sweets have been among the new items of export which got into the market following a commercial mission to the King-

dom in December 1981, he said.

Argentina's import of crude oil and petroleum products from the Kingdom at the end of the second quarter of 1982 has been valued at \$128,767,359 as against \$338,529,785 in the whole of 1981, Caro stated.

He said certain cold storage contracts are under process and it is in this context that a two-member unofficial delegation from his country is arriving here Monday night.

The members, both storage engineers of the Negocios Internacionales — Negr Martinez Rios and Pedro Marabini, will proceed to Riyadh on Jan. 1 and will again be here from Jan. 4 through 6 before their departure back home.



Prince Sultan

Saudia board of directors approves preliminary budget

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — The board of directors of Saudia approved a preliminary budget for the national airliner, here Sunday night.

The meeting was presided over by the board's chairman Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and defense and aviation minister.

Following the meeting, Saudia's director-general Captain Ahmad Mattar said the board reviewed ways of improving Saudia's performance and services and raising its staff efficiency and well as realizing the best international standards.

He added that the board also discussed the application of the most advanced aviation technology in Saudia's air services.

Captain Mattar said the board discussed the possibility of computerising all Saudia's departments, especially its central reservations department.

He added that it also reviewed ways of improving services on Saudia's domestic and international routes.

The director-general praised Prince Sultan's personal concern and keenness to develop the national airliner's services and to ensure its employees efficiency to undertake their duties in the best possible way.



Captain Mattar

Southern area Saudia traffic beats all others

JEDDAH, Dec. 27 — Saudia, the national air carrier, has carried 1,046,500 passengers from the Southern Province until Nov. 31 and it expects an eight percent increase in the number of passengers in 1983 over last year, according to Homoud Al-Judaybi, the district manager.

Judaybi told *Al-Jazirah* that Saudia traffic in the Southern Province beat all other areas, as it went 18 percent beyond the target set for it in terms of passengers and cargo. The airline has 595 personnel in the area.

Planning body given 3-month study time

MAKKAH, Dec. 27 — The Makkah Planning and Development Bureau has been given three months to prepare preliminary studies on the permissible height of buildings here around the Holy Haram and in other areas, *Okaz* reported.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Higher Committee for the Development of Makkah under Makkah Governor Prince Majed, the committee chairman.

The committee is trying to avoid duplication between the work of the bureau and that of consultancy firms entrusted to study the re-planning of the Holy City. The bureau is commissioned by the municipal and rural affairs ministry.

It was also decided to allot an area for the city's car exhibitions, workshops, light industries and warehouses, south of here, in various parts near Al-Layth Road. The area evacuated by the workshops will be replaced by buildings. Moreover, parks with recreation grounds for children will be built opposite the huge parking area where light cars are withheld off the Makkah-Jeddah expressway.

Graveyard permanent supervision ordered

JEDDAH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Prince Miteb, the minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, has given instructions to all municipalities in Saudi Arabia to give utmost care to and ensure permanent supervision of graveyards and to take immediate measures to safeguard the tombs.

Arab football body stresses revival of sports activities

DOHA, Dec. 27 (SPA) — The Arab Football Federation's general assembly was to conclude a two-day meeting here Monday night under the chairmanship of Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of Saudi Arabian Youth Welfare and chairman of the Arab federation. The meeting began here Sunday.

One of the major issues discussed was reviving tournaments and championships, on the national team and at club levels, and reinstating financial support from member unions in the federation. Other topics included endorsement of the general assembly's resolutions and recommendations during the previous session; a report by the executive committee on the federation's activities; adjustments on the federation's charter; the proposed budget; and determining the date and venue of the next meeting.

The opening session was attended by the Qatari Olympic Committee Chairman Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al-Thani, presidents of the African and Asian football federations and Arab ambassadors accredited to Qatar.

Prince Faisal had presided over the first working session Sunday after the opening ceremony during which several addresses were delivered. A total of 18 Arab football unions attended the two-day session.

Prince Faisal had chaired a meeting of the Arab Football Federation's executive bureau which concluded here Saturday night.

Addressing the opening session, Prince Faisal thanked the Qatari government for hosting the two meetings and presidents of the African and Asian football federations for attending the meeting. He stressed that the Arab Football Federation will always seek better relations and cooperation with regional federations, and the international football federation to improve the sport.

Three Arab teams reaching the top posts of the finals in the Asian Games, held recently in India, signifies the development of Arab football in the international arena, Prince Faisal said. Algeria and Kuwait's entrance to the World Cup matches in Spain and Qatar's elevation the final match of the World Youth Cup has broken the regional, continental and international restrictions and ushered a new era for the representation of Arab football in global circles, he added.

Prince Faisal urged more efforts and work to guarantee the continuation of this advancement in the Arab football standard. The general assembly's meeting will deal with a number of programs and activities which serve the federation's ambitions.

Prince Faisal approves rule changes in season's 'ideal athlete' selection

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Alterations to the executive steps for choosing the ideal athlete for the season have been approved by Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd.

The major changes include canceling a cultural interview for nominees and inviting the various sports unions in the country to nominate athletes representing them.

The adjusted procedures will be applied for choosing the ideal athletes for the 1981-82 sports season. Muhammad Al-Ruwaisheed, sports affairs director at the youth welfare presidency, said that his department is preparing now for nominee testing procedures. Ideal athletes are to be honored with two months, according to Ruwaisheed.

Olympic chairman greets Kuwaitis

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, vice-chairman of the Saudi Arabian Olympic committee, received Saturday a delegation of the Arabi Club of Kuwait which is here to prepare for a match with the

Saudi Arabian Nasr Club in the context of the Gulf Cooperation Council champion's tournament in football. The Kuwait team, which arrived here Friday, presented its shield and flag to Prince Fahd.

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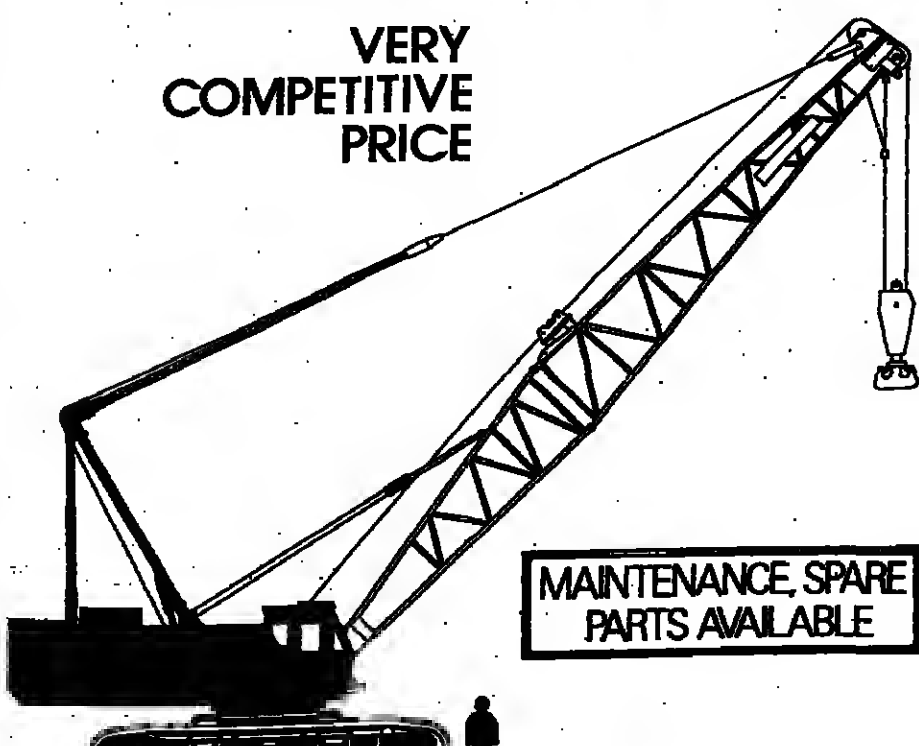
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Expat phone men to wear uniforms; coastal stations operational soon

JEDDAH, Dec. 27 — All Saudi Telephone and Telex expatriate employees throughout the Western Province will now wear a standard uniform, according to Saudi Telephone and Telex Director for the Western Province Rabie Sadeq Dahlan.

He told *Al-Madinah* that a circular was distributed to all areas instructing employees to comply with the instructions.

Meanwhile, Dahlan told *Al-Riyadh* that the new coastal telecommunications station will be operational before the end of the current financial year. The project comprises two coastal transmission and communications stations and eight stations along the Red Sea coast.

It also includes a microwave control station. The complex will facilitate domestic and international telecommunications of vessels by using satellites. It will particularly be useful in S.O.S. and rescue operations. The sta-

tions will inform ships, day and night, of meteorological and sea conditions.

Preparations are underway to set up a training institute for such stations at the Western Province. Agreement has been secured to start procuring the necessary equipment for such an institute here to raise national manpower efficiency.

Fewer expatriates recruited in 1982

JEDDAH, Dec. 27 — Fewer workers were recruited from abroad in 1982 than in 1981, according to Dr. Abdul Jalil Al-Saif, the director general for recruitment at the Interior Ministry. He also told *Al-Madinah* that large quantities of a guide for labor import were printed and distributed to owners of firms, establishments, factories, and to farmers.

Water project contract awarded

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — A national company has been awarded the SR26.7 million contract to import and erect the main and feeder pipes for Al-Hada water project undertaken by the Agriculture and Water

Ministry. The project includes establishing water storage that can contain 5,000 cubic meters of water and four pumping stations. The project is expected to be completed in 16 months.

11,189 girls study in 98 schools at Hail

HAIL, Dec. 27 (SPA) — The number of girls schools in Hail has now reached 98 schools for various grades. Students enrolled in these schools amounted to 11,189 girls. Out of the total number of schools there

are 79 elementary, 21 in Hail and 58 in surrounding villages; 16 intermediate schools, three in Hail and three secondary schools with only one school in the city.

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Sequel to attack on military headquarters

Israelis clamp curfew on Sidon

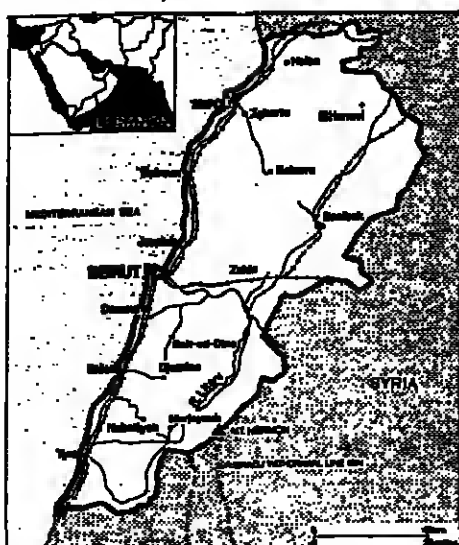
BEIRUT, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Israeli forces imposed a curfew and cordoned off part of the southern Lebanon city of Sidon after an explosion Sunday night, according to on-the-spot reports from correspondents.

One Israeli soldier was killed and two were wounded when gunmen fired automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades at the Israeli military governor's headquarters here Sunday night, Lebanese security sources said Monday.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa, which reported six Israelis killed and two others injured, said the attack was carried out by "a unit of the Lebanese national resistance."

There have been several recent attacks on Israelis in this south Lebanese port, which was the regional headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Lebanese nationalist joint command until last summer's Israeli invasion.

In another incident Monday, two Israeli soldiers were wounded, one seriously when a convoy of Israeli buses came under fire on the coastal highway south of here, the sources said.



The Israelis returned the fire, then closed the road and started searching nearby orchards as a helicopter landed to take away the wounded men, the sources added.

An Israeli military spokesman near Beirut

confirmed that an Israeli vehicle was fired on in the area but said only one man was injured.

A spokesman for Lebanon's Christian militia, the "Lebanese Forces," Monday denied an Israeli radio report in an explosion at the Phalangist Party headquarters in Sidon Sunday night. The Phalangists are one of the groups making up the Lebanese Forces.

Lebanese demonstrators shouted anti-Israeli slogans in the streets of Sidon Monday. The Israelis Sunday prevented similar demonstrations from approaching the military governor's headquarters.

Two more Israeli soldiers killed

BEIRUT, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Two Israeli soldiers were killed and seven others wounded Monday when their army van was caught in a hail of gunfire near the southern Lebanese town of Ghazieh just outside Sidon, correspondents in the region said.

Israeli troops immediately circled off the sector and began searching for armed men following the ambush. Correspondents said the unidentified gunmen had succeeded in fleeing the scene.

Meanwhile one of the two Israeli soldiers wounded in an ambush Saturday near the Lebanese town of Alek has died, the Israeli military command said Monday. His death brought Israel's death toll in Lebanon to 456.

The two soldiers had been wounded when small arms and bazooka fire hit an Israeli Army vehicle on the Beirut-Damascus Highway.

Israeli troops have intervened in fighting between Druze and Christians in the Alek area and the Chouf mountains, and the rival militias often have turned on the Israelis instead. Communications Minister Mordechai Zippori demanded the immediate Israeli withdrawal from the Chouf mountains during Sunday's cabinet session.

In another development, an Israeli staff sergeant received a three-month suspended sentence Sunday from a military court over the death of an Arab youth and the injuring of two others in the occupied West Bank, Israel television said.

Chatti, Yaqub Khan discuss Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 27 (AP) — Habib Chatti, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference, met Monday with Pakistan's foreign minister and discussed Middle East and Afghanistan, officials said.

Foreign Minister Sahibzada Yaqub Khan also told Chatti about his impressions from President Zia ul-Haq's recent meetings with new Soviet leader Yuri Andropov in Moscow, U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington.

way to a solution practicable for the Soviet Union."

Hopes for an early solution were pinned on the new Soviet Communist Party Secretary-General, Yuri Andropov, he said.

Genscher said more than three million Afghans, about a fifth of the population, had fled the country since the Soviet intervention.

West German diplomats said recently Genscher received hints when he met Andropov in Moscow last month that Moscow was seeking ways to withdraw from Afghanistan.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats accused Moscow of waging "a merciless war against the entire Afghan people — against freedom fighters, defenceless women, old men and children."

Soviets urged to quit Kabul

BONN, Dec. 27 (R) — West Germany appealed to the new Soviet leadership to pull its troops out of Afghanistan and agree to an international conference to seek a political solution to the Afghan problem.

In a statement marking the third anniversary of the Soviet intervention, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said: "The federal government renews its appeal to the Soviet Union to respect the wishes of the Afghan people, expressed dramatically in resistance and mass flight, to withdraw its troops from the country and allow the Afghan people to exercise freely its right to independence and autonomy."

He said the 1981 European Community idea of an international conference, rejected at the time by Moscow, "sets out a realistic

Pakistan, Iran to halt smuggling

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 27 (R) — Iran Monday proposed better policing of its border with Pakistan in a move which could cut the number of Iranians fleeing to Pakistan, official sources said.

They said the suggestion was made at a meeting in Islamabad between Iranian Interior Minister Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Nateq-Nuri and Pakistani Interior Minister Mahmood Haroon.

The sources said the Iranian minister had proposed the two countries establish a joint commission to halt drug and other smuggling and stop criminals fleeing across the border in both directions.

Western diplomats said one result of stepped up patrols along the frontier was likely to

be more arrests of Iranians illegally immigrating to Pakistan. The Pakistani frontier is a popular route for Iranians wanting to leave their country.

Pakistan, which is developing trade ties with Iran, regards the immigration issue as sensitive and has not disclosed figures on Iranians crossing into its territory. But authoritative sources said several thousand Iranians crossed to Pakistan in the past year.

Pakistani customs authorities regularly announce large seizures of Iranian currency, mainly from boats plying between the two countries. The sources said the currency was generally money smuggled out of Iran for illegal migrants to Pakistan.

Arafat, Zhao confer

ALGIERS, Dec. 27 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat was received Sunday night by Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang, according to Algerian government sources.

Zhao arrived in Algiers Friday from Cairo on the second leg of a 10-nation African tour.

Arafat arrived in Algiers Sunday night from Tunis, where he and other PLO leaders have been headquartered since their evacuation from Beirut last summer.

Algerian government sources said Arafat was accompanied by a delegation of high-ranking PLO officials. They declined to comment on what was discussed during the meeting with Zhao. Arafat is scheduled to leave Algiers Monday for a meeting with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky in Belgrade.

During his stay in Algiers, Zhao met several times with Algeria President Chadli Benjedid.

The discussions, however, had been expected to focus on the Arab peace plan for the Middle East, the need to strengthen the nonaligned movement and the promotion of a new international economic order.

Zhao reached Morocco Monday to begin a three-day official visit, expected to focus on a number of cooperation projects. Morocco is the third stop on Zhao's month-long, 10-nation tour of Africa that began in Egypt.

Zhao, who is accompanied by a large delegation, was met at the airport by Premier Maati Bouabid and other Moroccan officials.



Arafat

Zhao

PLO set to review ties with Egypt

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat will not visit Egypt before the meeting of the Palestine National Council set for mid-February, a Cairo-based PLO official said Monday.

He denied a report in the Cairo weekly newspaper *Mawqef* which said the visit will take place next month "following" the PNC session. The PNC, with nearly 300 members, is the PLO's parliament-in-exile and highest policy-making body.

The official, who preferred anonymity, said Arafat's visit to Cairo will depend on the adoption by the PNC of a resolution calling for restoration of normal relations with Egypt.

The national council is now scheduled to

convene in Algiers on Feb. 14, the official said. "Its agenda includes an item proposing the restoration of relations with Egypt despite PLO objections to Camp David. If this item is approved, Arafat will have the green light to visit Cairo."

The PLO and 17 Arab countries broke off relations with Egypt to protest Cairo's 1979 peace treaty with Israel. The PLO also opposes the 1978 Camp David framework for Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

3 sacked in Iran for abuse of power

NICOSA, Dec. 27 (AP) — A special-level watchdog committee fired three out of six senior state officials summoned before it over the weekend to answer charges for abuse of power, Tehran radio reported Monday.

The broadcast gave the titles and reasons for the dismissal of the three officials but did not identify them by name.

The revolutionary prosecutor of the city of Qom was dismissed for "continued interventions outside his jurisdiction, for disregarding his responsibilities" and for treating accused persons in bad manner.

The financial and executive undersecretary of the ministry of labor was dismissed for "unlawfully detaining a member of the staff in the ministry building."

The Tehran municipality prosecutor was dismissed for "unlawfully using the prison in the municipality, acting outside his jurisdiction and treating the accused badly."

Invasion costs Israel \$800m

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Israel has incurred at least \$800 million in military expenses over its invasion of Lebanon, according to ministry of defense estimates. The newspaper *Haaretz* Monday said defense ministry experts came up with the 26,000 million shekel (\$800 million) figure — a minimal preliminary estimate — based on the assumption that the Israeli army would not remain much longer in Lebanon following their invasion last June.

The Israeli finance ministry granted the defense ministry 13,000 million shekels (\$350 million) in extra funds in 1981, but has so far refused to accord the same added allowance for 1982.

Settlement plan block M.E. peace

NOFIM, Occupied West Bank, Dec. 27 (AP) — The number of Israelis living in Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank about to surge upward in a calculated plan to make a peace agreement impossible on terms set by Israel.

The housing ministry says 7,000 housing units are under construction, and half of them will be finished by the end of 1983.

The settlements fly in the face of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's call for a freeze on settlements and an eventual link between West Bank and Jordan.

Filling the West Bank with as many settlers as possible is Israel's answer to the Reagan peace plan. Michael Dekel, deputy agriculture minister and director of settlements affairs, says Israel aims to have 100,000 Jews in the West Bank by 1985. About 1,000,000 Palestinians live in the West Bank. Kedum is the oldest of settlements in the 40-kilometer stretch between Nablus and Ramallah, two of the biggest Palestinian cities in the West Bank.

While some of the settlements will fall short of their goals, Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government is moving vigorously to populate the West Bank with Jews.

There were 25 settlements and about 3,000 settlers when Begin came to power in 1977. Begin overturned the previous Labor government's policy of settling only along the edge of the occupied territory. Now there are 81 settlements, and almost all the ones are in the more heavily Arab population heart of the West Bank. About others are in planning stages.

The number of settlers is hard to determine. The housing ministry says there are 20,000-25,000. Military authorities put it at 25,000-30,000. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, the settlements czar in Begin's first government, says the number approach 40,000.

Israel, Sharon said last week, "has intention of annexing the West Bank, but has a right to remain in the territories and to continue its building program."

Begin's government is determined not to see in the West Bank a repeat of the wrenching experience of the withdrawal from Sinai, which was required in the peace treaty with Egypt. The army had to remove 5,000 Sinai settlers and bulldoze demolished several hundred million dollars worth of housing there.

Begin himself has a lifelong ideological commitment to Jewish control of the entire "land of Israel" — meaning Israel proper plus the West Bank — but the opposition Labor Party would give up part of the West Bank in return for peace with Jordan.

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Selective imports

China to be self-reliant in defense technology

PEKING, Dec. 27 (AP) — China will import some foreign defense technology if conditions permit, but intends to rely mainly on its own efforts, army political commissar Yu Qili said Saturday.

Yu also told the congress of China's Communist Youth League that the nation's 4.2 million-member armed forces had made "remarkable progress" in the last two years in training people with both military competence and job skills they could use later in civilian life, the official Xinhua news agency reported. Some former army men have expressed dissatisfaction with their job assignments after leaving military service. The Communist Party has sought to boost military morale in various ways, while insisting that the army, long-time defenders of the Maoist faith, get in line with China's shift away from policies of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Xinhua said Yu told the nearly 2,000 Youth League delegates the army needs people with a command of modern weapons and fighting tactics, first-rate modern weapons and a scientific military system and structure. Mao held that people rather than weapons decided the outcome of war, and China's army long has trained in "people's war" tactics, based on guerrilla-style operations. "We do not support the theory that weapons alone decide the outcome of war," Yu said, "but we also see the importance of up-to-date weaponry. China will rely mainly on its own efforts to develop advanced military technology and import some foreign technology if conditions permit."

Mao's birth anniversary celebrated in native town

SHAOSHAN, Central China, Dec. 27 (AP) — While the anniversary of Mao Tse-tung's birth passed virtually unnoticed in the rest of China, his native town of Shaoshan was Sunday bustling like every year to honor its greatest son.

Women of all ages were meticulously sweeping the main square in front of the museum dedicated to Mao, stopping occasionally to draw breath and look up at the surrounding snow-covered hills, glistening in the winter sunshine.

"What a shame you can't stay here today," a young woman sweeping the pavement told this correspondent. "There will be a big show tonight, like every year, put together and acted by Shaoshan residents themselves. A lot of people always come here to see it. The schools don't get the day off, but today they do things to honor the memory of Chairman Mao instead of their usual lessons," she added.

While Shaoshan, where local officials said 80 percent of the 50,000 residents are surnamed Mao, was getting ready to celebrate the 89th anniversary of the birth of the founder of Communist China, municipal authorities were still engaged in the difficult process of "demonstrating" the Deng Xiaoping regime is pushing in the countryside.

Shaoshan peasants only adopted the responsibility system — which basically relates salaries to productivity in defiance of the egalitarian system Mao wanted to build — in 1981, two or three years after hundreds of millions of other Chinese peasants. According to officials of the people's com-

munism which contains the house and former land of Mao's family, the responsibility system has stimulated the peasants' enthusiasm for work and increased their productivity.

But they added that two categories of people were still causing problems: local officials trying to hinder reforms and some peasants whose "private greed" has quick revived despite over 30 years of socialism.

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23-man unit active

Zambian bid to save rhinos

LUANGWA, Zambia, Dec. 27 (AFP) — A 23-man "Anti-Poaching Unit (APU)" is trying not without great difficulty, to save the black rhino from being exterminated by illegal hunters operating in the huge South Luangwa National Park here.

The 6,000-square-mile wild animal reserve, 700 kilometers from Lusaka, has become the main sanctuary for the black rhinoceros — smaller than the white rhinoceros, which itself is also threatened with extinction. In 1973, there were an estimated 4,000-8,000 black rhinos in Luangwa, but six years later there remained only about 1,800. The number of elephants there, bunted mercilessly for their ivory tusks, fell from 80,000 to 50,000.

There are about 24,000 black rhinos in the whole of Africa, or 10 times fewer than 10 years ago. Little wonder that the "Save the Rhino Trust" of Zambia, which has been fighting against the illegal hunting of elephants and rhinos since 1979, has decided that it was time to intervene.

Phil Berry, a former white ranger who is head of the APU, explained that the horn has for centuries been highly prized in the far

east, and particularly in China, for its alleged aphrodisiac and healing qualities. This Asian market is still the world's largest, and most flourishing.

But the slaughter of rhinos in the past 10 years is a result of a traditional fashion in the Middle East — the dagger handle carved from rhino horn is greatly sought after, especially in North Yemen.

A recent survey published in the Philadelphia Inquirer said that one kilo of rhino horn on the Hong Kong and Singapore markets was priced at over \$11,000. There are state-run anti-poaching units in Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda but the Zambian APU is unique, for it is run by a private trust.

This year it received a subsidy of \$120,000 from the "World Wildlife Fund (WWF)" while the Lusaka government is giving \$150,400 this year, mainly for paying salaries, accommodation, rifle and ammunition.

Phil Berry noted that most poachers were Zambians. Two poachers have already been killed in clashes with the APU, which has itself had three of its men injured by wild animals.

New Jersey to join U.S. Navy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AFP) — The Battleship, widely considered a naval dinosaur, returns to active service with the U.S. Navy this week with more fire-power than any vessel on the high seas. The 40-year-old battleship *New Jersey*, refitted with the most modern weapons in the U.S. arsenal, rejoins the fleet Tuesday at its future home port, Long Beach, California.

Ronald Reagan, the septuagenarian U.S. president who has ordered the navy's strength increased by one-third to 600 ships by the end of the 1980s to counter "Soviet expansionism," will go aboard the ship for its recommissioning after a \$326 million overhaul.

The *New Jersey*, launched a year to the day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, will be the first of four World War II battleships restored to active service. Congress has already voted funds for the *Iowa* — U.S. battleships have traditionally been named after states — which is in dry dock in New Orleans, and the defense department is trying to raise the money to re-equip *The Missouri* and *The Wisconsin*.

The newborn *New Jersey* still has its turrets of 16-inch (40 cm) guns capable of firing one-ton shells more than 35 kms. But it also

carries 32 "Tomahawk" cruise missiles, which can be fitted with nuclear warheads. They have a range of 2,400 kilometers.

The vessel's offensive arsenal also includes 16 "harpoon" missiles with a 100 kms range against surface targets, and four Vulcan Phalanx anti-aircraft batteries. Despite its heavy armor defenses, the 45,000-ton warship has a flank speed of over 20 knots.

Capt. William Fogarty has said that French Exocet missiles which sank British vessels in the Falklands war against Argentina would be no more than "a mosquito bite" if launched against his *New Jersey*. The renovated battleship will sail on its first mission next June to join in Seventh Fleet maneuvers in the Pacific.

Not all American leaders see the super-warship as an effective weapon in the nuclear age. "I don't think the Russians scare that easy," says Sen. James Exon, a Democrat from the landlocked central state of Nebraska. "You might scare the natives in New Guinea, but they aren't about to bother us anyhow."

During World War II, torpedo planes and dive bombers sank the Nazi flagships *Bismarck*, Britain's *Prince of Wales*, and the Japanese battleships *Yamato* and *Musashi*.

Albert, Caroline perform duties of late Grace

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, Dec. 27 (AP) — The Christmas holiday season has allowed Prince Albert, and Princess Caroline of Monaco to begin assuming some of the royal duties of their late mother, Princess Grace.

Albert, 24, and Caroline, 25, appeared at numerous festivities in their Mediterranean principality last week, including the distribution of toys to children that traditionally had been presided over by Princess Grace.

Princess Stephanie, 17, accompanied her elder brother and sister on several occasions and for the first time last Wednesday appeared in public without the neck brace she had worn since the Sept. 13 car crash that killed her mother.

Princess Grace, the former American film star Grace Kelly, who gave up Hollywood after 11 films for Monaco's handsome Prince Rainier, suffered a stroke while driving her car on a twisting mountain road near Monte Carlo.

Cheysson begins Cameroon visit

YAOUNDE, Dec. 27 (AFP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson arrived here Sunday for a 48-hour visit to Cameroon at the start of a six-day, three-nation African tour.

After talks with President Paul Biya, he will go to the northern town of Garoua to confer with former President Ahmadou Ahidjo, who resigned last Nov. 4. Cheysson will fly to Lomé Wednesday for brief talks with Togo's President Gnassingbe Eyadema and then go on the same day to Nouakchott, where he will stay until New Year's eve and confer with Mauritania's head of state Muhammad Khounza Ould Haïdalla.



SALVAGE OPERATION: A French fireman carries away a pet and family possessions as he helps in evacuating residents of the city of Angoulême, in western France, after the flooding caused by heavy rains. Emergency measures have been taken by the authorities to cope with the situation.

Flood alert remains in 4 French departments

PARIS, Dec. 27 (AP) — Emergency flood orders remained in effect Sunday for four French departments (counties) where some cities have been under water for days because of flooding by rain-swollen rivers.

At least five persons have died since the floods began a week ago and affected 40 of the 95 departments in France. On Sunday, rescue workers found the body of the latest victim — a 19-year-old woman whose car was swept away by the Loire River after a crash in central France. Officials plan to start making damage reports Monday when government offices reopen after the holiday weekend.

Several thousand families were forced to evacuate homes during the Christmas weekend or live in homes with several inches of water because of the flooding. Two departments in the west central region of

France were still under flood orders because of waters from the Charente River.

Two departments in east-central France were still under flood orders. The worst hit city in that area was Macon, which has been under as much as 50 centimeters of water for

the past few days. In Paris, river-side expressways have been closed because of flooding from the Seine River. Outside the Paris metropolitan area, about 300 homes in the Eshly region have been cut off from roads because of flooding by the Marne River.

Hijacker's remand period extended

COLOMBO, Dec. 27 (R) — The remand period of the Sri Lankan who hijacked an Italian airliner to Bangkok late June and received a ransom of \$300,000 was extended Monday until January 10.

State Counsel Upawansa Yapa told Colombo's acting chief magistrate that Sepala Ekanayake would be charged in the high court with air piracy. Under laws enacted recently, he faces life imprisonment if convicted. Ekanayake threatened to blow up an

Alitalia Boeing 747 with 261 passengers and crew at Bangkok Airport.

He was given the ransom and his estranged wife and four-year-old son flew from Italy to join him. Then he released the plane and hostages and he and his family were given safe conduct to Colombo, where he was arrested two days later.

His wife, who returned to Italy with the child a few days later, filed for a divorce there recently.

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Several arrested

Southern Senegal area seeks freedom

DAKAR, Senegal, Dec. 27 (AP) — The government has reinforced its armed forces in the Casamance region of southern Senegal after demonstrations over the weekend by people demanding independence for the area, according to reports reaching Dakar Monday.

Sunday's regular flight from Dakar to Ziguinchor was not able to land. Sources in Ziguinchor, the regional capital on the Casamance River, said dozens of people were reported to have been arrested after demonstrators shouting "the right of Casamance to independence" attempted to march to the city hall and take down the Senegalese flag.

According to unconfirmed reports, the demonstrations were broken up by police using tear gas grenades. The government has made no official comment on the situation in

the south.

The Casamance region is the part of Senegal located south of Gambia, a former British colony that pierces Senegal to a point about 320 kilometers from the Atlantic Ocean. Until the construction of the Trans-Gambia Highway in 1958, the Casamance was isolated from the rest of the Senegal, and communication between the two parts of the country remains difficult.

Tracts being circulated in Dakar since Sunday proclaim "the imprescriptible right of Casamance to independence." The pamphlets are signed by the "Movement of the Democratic Forces of Casamance," a previously unknown group. The sources in Ziguinchor said the movement for independence apparently has spread to other small towns in the region.

Zimbabwe police apathy assailed

HARARE, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Zimbabwe's largest daily newspaper Monday criticized the police for responding too slowly to reports of the dissident guerrilla ambush that claimed three lives on Christmas eve.

The government-controlled *Herald* said that after an estimated 15 dissidents began stopping traffic and indiscriminately firing at passengers on the main Harare-Bulawayo road Dec. 24, one man escaped and reported to a nearby police station. But the police apparently did not go to the scene for more than two hours. In that time, two persons were shot to death and a third died after being wounded and left inside a bus that the gun-

men forced its passengers to burn. At least 21 other persons were wounded.

A passing train was also fired upon and its locomotive disabled by a rocket fired by the gunmen, and at least one other bus was burned. A note found at the scene was said to have identified the gunmen as former members of veteran nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo's disbanded wartime Zipra Army.

According to *The Herald*, the note demanded the return to Zipra men of confiscated farms, an apparent reference to government seizures early in the year after large quantities of arms were found on farms owned by a corporation constituted of former Zipra guerrillas.

Call for talks on Salvador renewed

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 27 (AP) — The church in El Salvador Sunday renewed its call for leftist guerrillas and the U.S.-backed rightist government to hold talks to end their three-year-old civil war.

Gregorio Rosa Chavez, auxiliary bishop of San Salvador, said an average of 446 persons a month had died in a five-month period in El Salvador, bringing the total for the year to more than 5,000. "Add to this the immense number of wounded and mutilated, the hundreds of thousands of displaced and the incalculable damage from acts of sabotage," he

said.

"These are the bitter fruits of violence. Aren't these figures sufficient to opt for the methods of peace," he asked. Human rights groups here estimate 38,000 persons have been killed in the three years of violence between government forces and the guerrillas, and at the hands of rightist death squads.

Sunday morning, electricity was cut to two-thirds of the country, including this capital city, three times, but power company officials declined to say if the outages were related to the war.

Clark's confusion said to be normal

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 27 (AP) — Artificial heart recipient Barney Clark still has confused periods and sometimes forgets he retired five years ago, but doctors expect his mind to clear as he makes a "slow, steady" recovery, hospital officials say.

"He has been confused in a sense that sometimes when he talks, he talks about things in the past," University of Utah Medical Center spokesman John Dwan said Sunday. "That continues." He said doctors for the 61-year-old retired dentist were not worried about the episodes of confusion.

They say that's not that unusual in post-

operative patients who have undergone serious surgery and who have been in an intensive care environment that long," Dwan said. "I heard Sunday, for instance, that he was talking like he was practicing dentistry and running his office. 'But (the doctors) say that's a normal kind of situation ... and they feel it will clear.'"

A series of Dec. 7 seizures suffered by Clark had raised the specter of possible brain damage. However, doctors said later they believed the crisis — which temporarily put Clark back on the critical list — was caused by a chemical imbalance.

World War bomber to be salvaged

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP) — Aircraft enthusiasts will try to salvage what could be the only remaining Blenheim Mark I bomber, the type plane used by the Royal Air Force on Britain's first bombing raids over Germany during World War II, an organizer said Sunday.

"Its eventual recovery is an exciting prospect because this would be the only aircraft of its kind anywhere in the world," said Alan White of the Severnside Aviation Society, organizers of the salvage operation. The

twin-engine fighter bomber crash-landed on a training mission in 1940 in the Severn River at its estuary in the Bristol Channel on the southern coast of Wales.

Freak tidal conditions exposed sections of the aircraft seven years ago, showing it to be in good condition. But the fast-flowing river rebuffed it in two meters of hard sand.

Stuttgart bombs hit Yugoslav companies

STUTTGART, West Germany, Dec. 27 (AP) — Two bombs exploded outside Yugoslav businesses in Stuttgart Monday causing damage but no injuries, West German police reported.

The bombs went off nearly simultaneously at 02.15 GMT outside an office of the Yugoslav travel agency Jugo-Tours and a foodstore, police said. Police said the bombs used similar timing mechanisms and probably were planted by the same persons.

No one claimed responsibility for the attacks but Yugoslav separatists, mainly from Serbia and Croatia, have carried their fight for autonomy abroad on numerous occasions in recent years.

Wild elephants moved to virgin Sumatra jungle

JAKARTA, Dec. 27 (R) — About 200 wild elephants have been successfully moved to virgin jungle in South Sumatra to allow new settlements to be built in their traditional habitat, an Indonesian military spokesman said.

Operation Ganesha (Sanskrit for elephant) was believed to be the world's first forced march of elephants; a protected species in Indonesia. Some baby elephants died during the month-long drive 60 kms across swamps and jungle clearings, Col. Alip Pandoyo told reporters Sunday.

The elephants were hustled on their way by hundreds of beaters and soldiers setting off firecrackers while two army helicopters hovered overhead to create more noise. Col. Pandoyo said they entered their designated reservation area at Lebong Hitam Sunday morning, ten days ahead of schedule.

The elephants' old home at Air Sugihan is one of the areas selected for resettlement by the government, which is trying to relieve population pressure on overcrowded Java.

French envoy meets Gromyko

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (AFP) — French ambassador to the Soviet Union Claude Arnaud met with Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Monday to deliver France's position on the recent Soviet proposal to reduce medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, French sources said. The meeting was held at Arnaud's request.

French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson last week rejected the proposal announced Tuesday by party chief Yuri Andropov to reduce Soviet missiles targeted against Europe to the combined size of French and British missile arsenals.



KILLED BY MAFIA: The body of Giuseppe Benvenuto, 22, is seen inside a car after he was killed by Mafia gunmen Sunday. Six were killed over the weekend, bringing the total number of casualties in the Palermo area to 147.

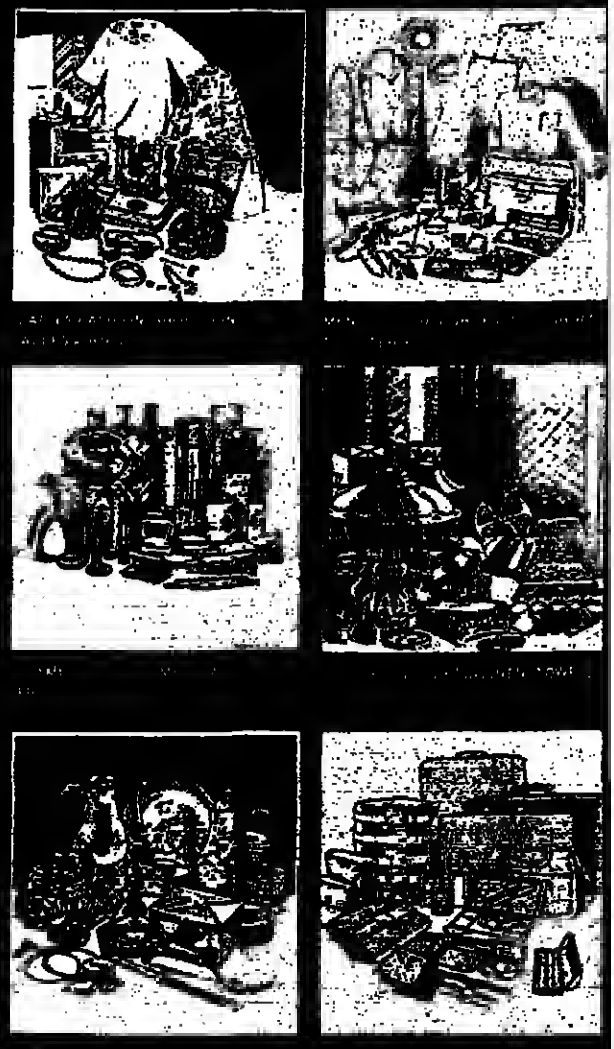
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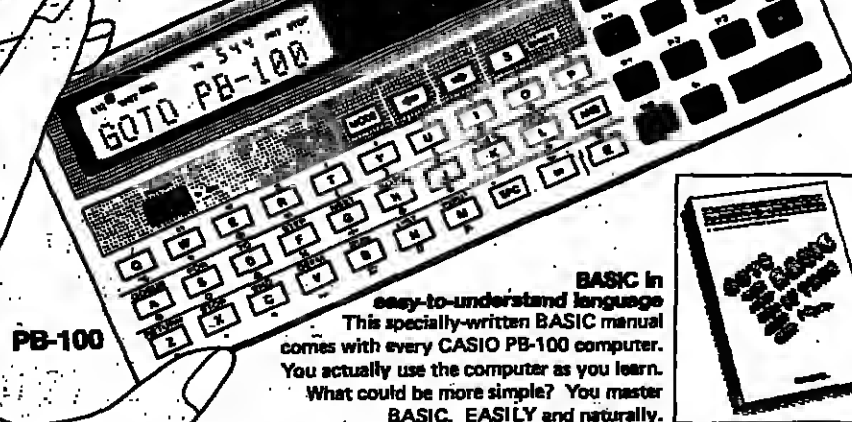
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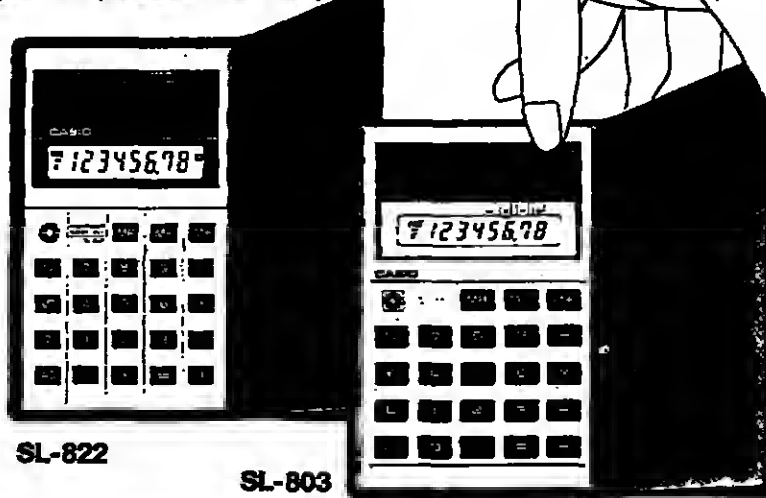


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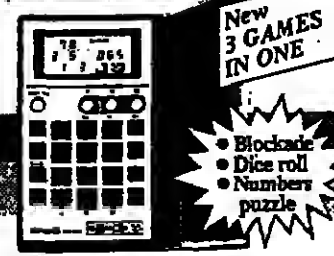
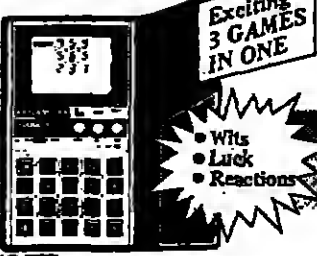
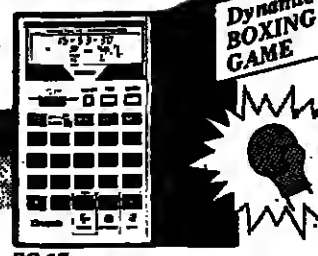
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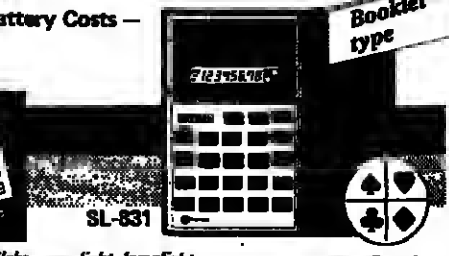


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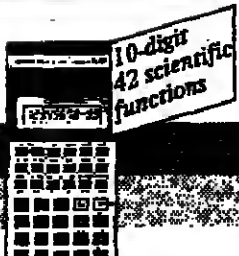
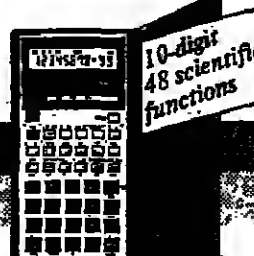
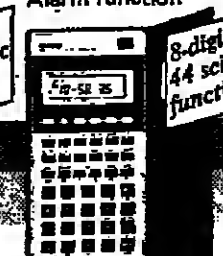
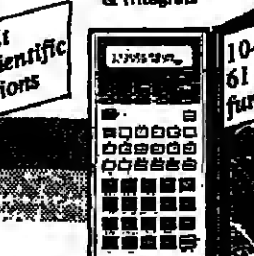
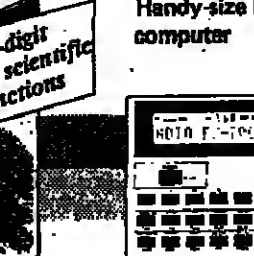
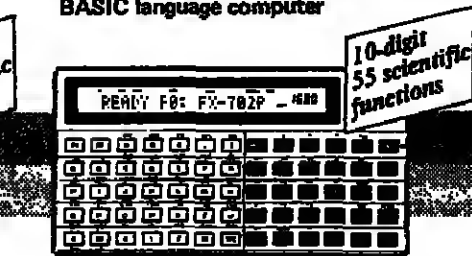
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DUBIOUS LEGACY

The birth anniversary of Mao Tse-tung has come and gone almost unnoticed in his native country, China, to which he introduced communism hoping that it would prove to be the panacea the people needed to overcome their myriad problems.

Mao is certainly one of the great historical figures of all time but his legacy appears to be of dubious value. True, he wiped out the rank feudalism of the age, eliminated corruption, improved the civil service and restored Chinese morality which had been assailed by Western imperialism.

That was soon after he seized power from the Kuomintang which he deliberately stabbed in the back while the Nationalists were fighting off the Japanese invasion and occupation of the country.

With Japan defeated by the U.S. at the end of World War II, and the Kuomintang considerably weakened and demoralized, Mao seized power and started building a personality cult so pervasive that only Kim Il Sung of North Korea can match.

Unfortunately for the Chinese people, Mao forced the country to stagnate. His xenophobia took hold of him and forced him to suspect everything foreign.

When he felt his power slipping he initiated another disaster — the so-called Cultural Revolution which was neither cultural nor revolutionary but a vindictive campaign against those who failed to adore him. In the process, China actually regressed and fell well behind some of its more progressive neighbors like Japan, South Korea and, of course, the Republic of China (Taiwan).

His successors have realized the enormity of the damage that Mao and the personality cult had done and set about to stem the tide of regression knowing that this will not be an easy matter.

At \$15 billion, its exports are lower than those of Nissan of Japan and it will take decades of modernization on a crash basis to undo the damage of Maoism, a staggering political and economic failure by any standard.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Nadwa Monday accused the United States of trying to force Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to recognize the Zionist entity unconditionally and without even a promise that the U.S. would take firm action to prevent further Israeli annexation of Arab land. The paper said it was important that the Arabs should take earnest and responsible action in the face of these American attempts and said Washington would never compromise over the survival of Israel because U.S. Middle East policy was based on a continued Israeli presence in the area.

Otha, commenting on the proposed negotiations between Israel and Lebanon in the Beirut suburb of Khalde, said Israel was trying to undermine the talks in any way possible; to pursue its expansionist ambitions in Lebanon.

The newspaper accused Israel of rekindling sectarian feuds in parts of Lebanon and of trying to impose unreasonable conditions for its withdrawal. The Khalde talks, it added, would test the sincerity of American efforts to achieve peace in the region.

Al-Yom said the GCC finance ministers' agreement to remove customs barriers between the six GCC states was a further step toward giving the council a regional strategy. It said the finance ministers' meeting and meetings by other GCC departments were designed first and foremost to improve the living conditions of the people in the area both socially and economically.

The council had become an effective bloc, with the prosperity and welfare of the region its main concern, the paper added.

Al-Bilad praised the King's role in bringing about Islamic development and King Fahd's call for the setting up of an Islamic common market. It said that in his speech to the executive managers of the Islamic Development Bank Sunday, Bank President Ahmad Muhammad Ali gave a new dimension to King Fahd's call.

The campaign for such a market stemmed from King Fahd's conviction that economic solidarity between Muslim states was of great importance, it added. (SPA)



Vietnam anxiety grows as Sino-Soviet talks progress

By William Branigan

BANGKOK — Vietnam is showing signs of anxiety about a possible rapprochement between its arch-enemy, China, and its strongest supporter, the Soviet Union.

Yet it remains unclear how the efforts by Moscow and Peking to improve their strained relations will affect the situation in Cambodia, where Vietnamese troops have been battling Cambodian guerrillas since an invasion nearly four years ago. The Chinese have demanded a Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia as one of three conditions for improving relations with Moscow.

Some Western diplomats believe that the Vietnamese may launch a bigger offensive than usual against resistance groups near the Thai border during the current dry season to try to upset the Sino-Soviet rapprochement, among other reasons. While the Sino-Soviet feelers have been showing promise, there has been no sign of any positive Chinese response to recent ostensible Vietnamese overtures on improving relations.

In August, the Vietnamese offered China a six-week ceasefire along their common border, which Peking promptly and emphatically rejected. Hanoi is not known to have offered anything new in Cambodia. China late last month accused Vietnam of trying to aggravate relations by claiming the Xisha and Nansha Island groups, also known as the Paracels and Spratleys, in the Gulf of Tonkin. China described as "illegal and null and void" Hanoi's Nov. 12 statement claiming the islands and said

Vietnam "must bear full responsibility for all serious consequences that may arise."

The Vietnamese Communist Party newspaper *Nhan Dan* meanwhile accused Peking of rejecting Hanoi's peace initiatives in Cambodia and escalating weapons deliveries to the Khmer Rouge guerrillas. The paper also denied that Vietnamese forces were preparing for an offensive against the Communist Khmer Rouge and two other Cambodian resistance factions during the current November-to-May dry season. According to the head of Thailand's National Security Council, Squadron Leader Prasong Soonsiri, the Vietnamese clearly are worried about the Sino-Soviet rapprochement. He cited the recent visits to Moscow of high-ranking Vietnamese officials, adding, "if you're not worried, you stay at home."

In October Truong Chinh, Vietnam's president and No. 2 man in the Communist Party Politburo, went to Moscow at the same time that Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Leonid Ilyichev was in Peking for exploratory talks with the Chinese. The Vietnamese visit was announced shortly after the Soviets and Chinese said they planned to meet in Peking. A communiqué issued after Truong Chinh's talks with the late Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev said the discussions were largely devoted to Sino-Soviet and Sino-Vietnamese relations and that the two leaders agreed that any normalization between Moscow and Peking would not come at the expense of "third countries." The communiqué's tone toward Peking was unusually mild, and China was not criticized by name.

On the same day that the Vietnamese party

paper, *Nhan Dan*, published the communiqué, however, it also printed a harsh denunciation of China as "The principal danger to the three Indochinese countries" — were "determined to defeat all maneuvers by the reactionaries in the Peking government." When a Vietnamese delegation led by Truong Chinh returned to Moscow for Brezhnev's funeral last month, its reception seemed cool for such a close ally. The new party chief, Yuri Andropov, did not meet with Truong Chinh, and a deputy foreign minister received Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach and Cambodian Foreign Minister Hun Sen. Indochina-watchers here noted that Hun Sen was kept out of one ceremony because of the presence of the then Chinese foreign minister, Huang Hua.

"I think the Vietnamese are looking over their shoulder at the Russians," said a senior Western diplomat who has served in both Moscow and Peking. "They're worried about the Sino-Soviet relationship, but there's no sign it's having any impact on their activities in Indochina."

The Vietnamese are believed to retain bitter memories of 1972 when the United States began to improve relations with the Soviet Union and China.

"The results from Vietnam's standpoint were damaging," the diplomat said. The Americans moved Haiphong harbor, but a U.S.-Soviet summit meeting went ahead anyway. According to diplomatic sources, a possible major ramification of Sino-Soviet rapprochement could be a reduction of Soviet Bloc aid to Vietnam, estimated at more than \$2 billion a year. The aid is considered vital to the Vietnamese war effort in Cambodia and a source of

irritation between Peking and Moscow.

This was emphasized last Wednesday when news reports from Peking quoted an unidentified senior Chinese official as saying that Soviet support for Vietnam's military intervention in Cambodia was the most important obstacle to improved Sino-Soviet relations. The official also said no date had yet been set for the next round of Sino-Soviet talks but that they would not resume until next year.

According to a diplomat who recently returned from a trip to Vietnam, Eastern European countries already are planning to cut back aid to Vietnam by about 20 percent. He noted that during Truong Chinh's visit to Moscow in October, Soviet leaders openly criticized Hanoi for inefficient use of foreign aid. However, the Soviets are seen here as having little flexibility as far as China's demand for Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia is concerned. Any outright Soviet pressure on Vietnam to pull out its troops would almost certainly meet a stiff reaction, and the Soviets would stand to lose naval and air base facilities at Cam Ranh Bay and Danang, diplomats said. Vietnam allowed the Soviets to use the bases after China's incursion across Vietnam's northern border in 1979.

Another Chinese demand, a reduction of Soviet forces along the Chinese border, is easier for Moscow to meet, but may also provoke Vietnamese anxieties, according to diplomats here. "Anything that eases pressure on China's northern border is a problem for Vietnam," a diplomat said, since it would allow the Chinese army to focus more attention on the Vietnamese border. The problem was underscored for Hanoi last month when Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang told visiting Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda that China would give the Thais "complete support" if the Vietnamese invaded Thailand.

To wipe out the Cambodian resistance groups along the border, military analysts here say, Vietnamese forces must cross into Thailand in strength and surround them, an act that might provoke the threatened Chinese reaction. (WP)

Soviet missiles offer meant to confuse NATO allies

By Josef Joffe

LOS ANGELES — The coming year threatens to become a watershed period in the crisis-ridden history of the Atlantic alliance. About 12 months from now, the West must make good on its vow to deploy American Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles unless the Soviets dismantle about 600 Euro-strategic missiles targeted on Western Europe.

Arms-control talks in Geneva so far have led nowhere, and that should not surprise anyone. For, in Geneva, the American team is engaged in a doubly lopsided set of negotiations with the Soviets. First, the Americans are trying to persuade the Soviets to scrap their entire Euro-strategic arsenal

— yet with nothing more tangible in hand than a threat to counterdeploy Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles if these talks fail.

Second, the Americans have to persuade not only the Soviets (who know that possession is nine-tenths of the law) but also the segments of the European public that perceive plans to install U.S. missiles as a greater threat to peace than the Soviet weapons that are already in place. And the Soviets have never tried to hide the real thrust of their negotiating strategy, which is directed against the United States' wavering European allies. If a judicious blend of threats and blandishments might finally turn European opinion against the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's missile plans, why pay the high price of disarmament and loss of mili-

ary dominance?

Hence it is also no surprise that the Soviet Union keeps fielding arms-control proposals that would keep the West from modernizing its aging nuclear arsenals while leaving the Soviet Union in possession of a hefty nuclear advantage on the European continent. Last week, just as the two teams packed their bags for Christmas recess, an "informal" Soviet offer surfaced that was evidently designed to play into the hands of NATO's anti-nuclear critics. The gist of that offer was made official in Tuesday's speech by Soviet Party Chairman Yuri V. Andropov. In brief, the Soviets have apparently offered to reduce their 600 Euro-missiles to 250, to "reserve" 100 of those for the Far East (that is, arrayed against China), to include 150 French and British missiles in the count, to arrive at a "balance" that would preclude the deployment of American intermediate-range systems. This is clearly not the "zero option" favored by President Reagan, but in fact a "half-zero option": zero for the West, an enormous edge for the Soviets.

In the American media, reports of the Soviets' gambit were overshadowed by the squabble over the MX, the gas-tax bill and various other matters in the lame-duck congress. Yet, in Europe, the anti-nuclear opposition has seized on the Soviet offer with a vengeance. Doesn't it prove that the Soviets are really serious about disarmament while the Americans are merely trying to torpedo the Geneva talks with their "unreasonable" demands for zero missiles on either side? Isn't it starkly unfair to ask the Soviets to scrap everything while the West remains in possession of about 150 French and British strategic systems?

In fact, the Soviets' missile-balancing proposal is neither new nor equitable. In the first place, they have not revealed what they mean by "reduction." And for good reason. So far, "reduction" has never meant "dismantling" but merely a withdrawal to the non-European reaches of the Soviet Union. Withdrawal behind the Urals is hardly a grand sacrifice, given the 5,000-kilometer range of Soviet SS-20 missiles.

Next year will show whether the European allies have the spunk to hammer out a fair bargain. If they lose their nerve, we will have neither modernization nor arms control, but merely a "half-zero" solution: zero for the West, superiority for the East. (LAT)

Candidate B. Gulce
Consul,
Jeddah.

Letter to the editor

Arrests clarified

Sir,
Some misconceptions about the Philippines might have been generated by the Associated Press article in your Dec. 22 issue written by Mort Rosenblum titled "Filipinos becoming restive over U.S. support to Marcos."

The local newsmen and members of the clergy recently arrested by the military were detained because the government had found ample evidence that they had been involved in subversive activities. They were subsequently released to allow them to prepare for their defense in a trial under a regular court of law. Fr. Kangleon, a priest who had gone "underground" with other dissident clergy, had come out earlier this month with a public admission of their anti-government activities.

President Marcos has stated in many forums that it is not the policy of government to torture or illegally detain any person, even if he is a suspected or proven subversive or criminal. All arrests made are supported by warrants issued by the courts or by the president himself upon the recommendation of the defense minister. The arrested persons are formally charged and tried in open court in proceedings set by the constitution and the laws of the land.

All reported cases of military abuse are investigated and, if an enlisted man is found guilty, he is

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 28, the 362nd day of 1982. There are three days left in the year.
Highlights in history on this date:
1694 — England's Queen Mary II dies.
1836 — Spain recognizes independence of Mexico.
1906 — Disastrous earthquake hits South California, Italy and Sicily.
1917 — Bessarabia proclaims independence as Moldavian Republic.
1942 — Japanese planes bomb Calcutta, India, in World War II.
1948 — Nokrashy Pasha, Egypt's premier, is assassinated.
1950 — Chinese forces cross 38th Parallel in Korea.
1966 — China detonates its fifth atomic bomb.
1969 — Israeli planes strike Arab targets along Suez Canal and in Jordan, and Egypt reports a naval commando raid against Israeli positions.
1971 — United States carries out its heaviest bombing raids in three years against North Vietnam.
1974 — Leftist guerrillas in Managua, Nicaragua, invade Christmas party for U.S. ambassador, kill three guards and take several prominent Nicaraguans as hostages.
1975 — Efforts fail to rescue 372 men trapped by coal mine explosion in northeastern India. All are killed.
1978 — Anti-Shah strikes paralyze Iran's economy, and that nation's oil production drops to zero.
1981 — First U.S. test-tube baby, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, is born in Norfolk, Virginia.
Thought for today:
It's the mind that makes the body rich — William Shakespeare. English playwright (1564-1616).

Philadelphia exhibition

Lost Bronze Age discovered in S.E. Asia

PHILADELPHIA (SNS) — An eerie silence greets visitors to the basement storage room in the venerable University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania. Here, a few flights below exhibition halls displaying treasures from past civilizations, are 5,000 unbleached cotton sacks, unceremoniously stacked on dozens of floor-to-ceiling shelves.

Containing more than 1 million scraps and fragments of excavated pottery dating back 55 centuries, the mute bags have already spoken volumes about an ancient agricultural people who settled and thrived in what is now the village of Ban Chiang in northeast Thailand. The prehistoric people of Ban Chiang carved no tablets, painted no frescoes, built no cities, but they left evidence in their pottery and metalwork of an artistically and technologically sophisticated civilization



ARTIFACT: This sophisticated black incised pot dating from 3600 to 2500 B.C. was found during excavations at Ban Chiang in northeast Thailand.

which flourished for some 4,000 years. "The discoveries at Ban Chiang, particularly early bronze metalwork dated to sometime after 3000 B.C. and some of the oldest ironwork yet unearthed in East Asia, were completely unexpected," University Museum archaeologist Joyce White says. "Finding these objects thousands of miles from the accepted centers of cultural innovation has caused scientists to rethink traditional theories about the development of civilization in Southeast Asia, long considered to be a cultural backwater of China and India."

The public now has its first opportunity to glimpse this remarkable lost culture in a new exhibition — a rich array of handsome pottery spanning four millennia, bronze tools, utensils and jewelry such as anklets and bracelets and other artifacts uncovered from the excavations. The show opened last month, appropriately, at Philadelphia's University Museum, which, with Thailand's Department of Fine Arts, undertook the excavations and subsequent scientific analyses. Those organizations and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service are sponsoring the exhibition, which will visit eight major American cities before traveling in 1985 to its permanent home in Thailand. The story behind the exhibition begins more than 15 years ago, in July 1966, when Stephen Young, son of the then U.S. Ambassador to Thailand, was carrying out anthropological research in Ban Chiang and stumbled — literally — over the site. While walking down a sloping path, Young tripped over the root of a kapok tree.

"I caught myself with my hands as I fell forward," Young recalled. "When I hit the ground, right underneath my face was a

round circle...it was obviously the top rim of a pot...I got up to look around and saw that the entire area...was littered with these round tops. I guessed it was the top of a burial ground."

Young took samples of the potsherds to Thai experts, and eventually the sherds were sent to the University Museum for dating. Soon after, Thai scientists conducted test excavations at Ban Chiang, uncovering stone tools and bronze as well as more pottery.

Then came the startling news: One of Young's potsherds seemed to date back to 4630 B.C. (a date that was unheard of) says White, who has been involved with the Ban Chiang project for six years and, as a research associate at the University Museum, has been the creative force behind the exhibition. "Moreover, excavations at a site near Ban Chiang, Non Nok Tha, had turned up bronze axes and bracelets that appeared to be made locally and might have dated back to 3000 B.C."

The finds created a sensation, and Ban Chiang became famous almost overnight. "After all," White says, "the traditional theory held that bronze technology was established originally in the Middle East around 3000 B.C. and eventually spread — about 2,500 years later — to Southeast Asia. Although Bronze Age items had been reported from haphazard excavations all over mainland Southeast Asia for over 100 years, everyone assumed that they had been introduced from other regions — India or China, for instance."

"Basically," she explains, "little research had been done in Southeast Asia. It was a vicious circle. No one did research there because the area was considered culturally uninteresting, and it was considered uninteresting because no one had done research."

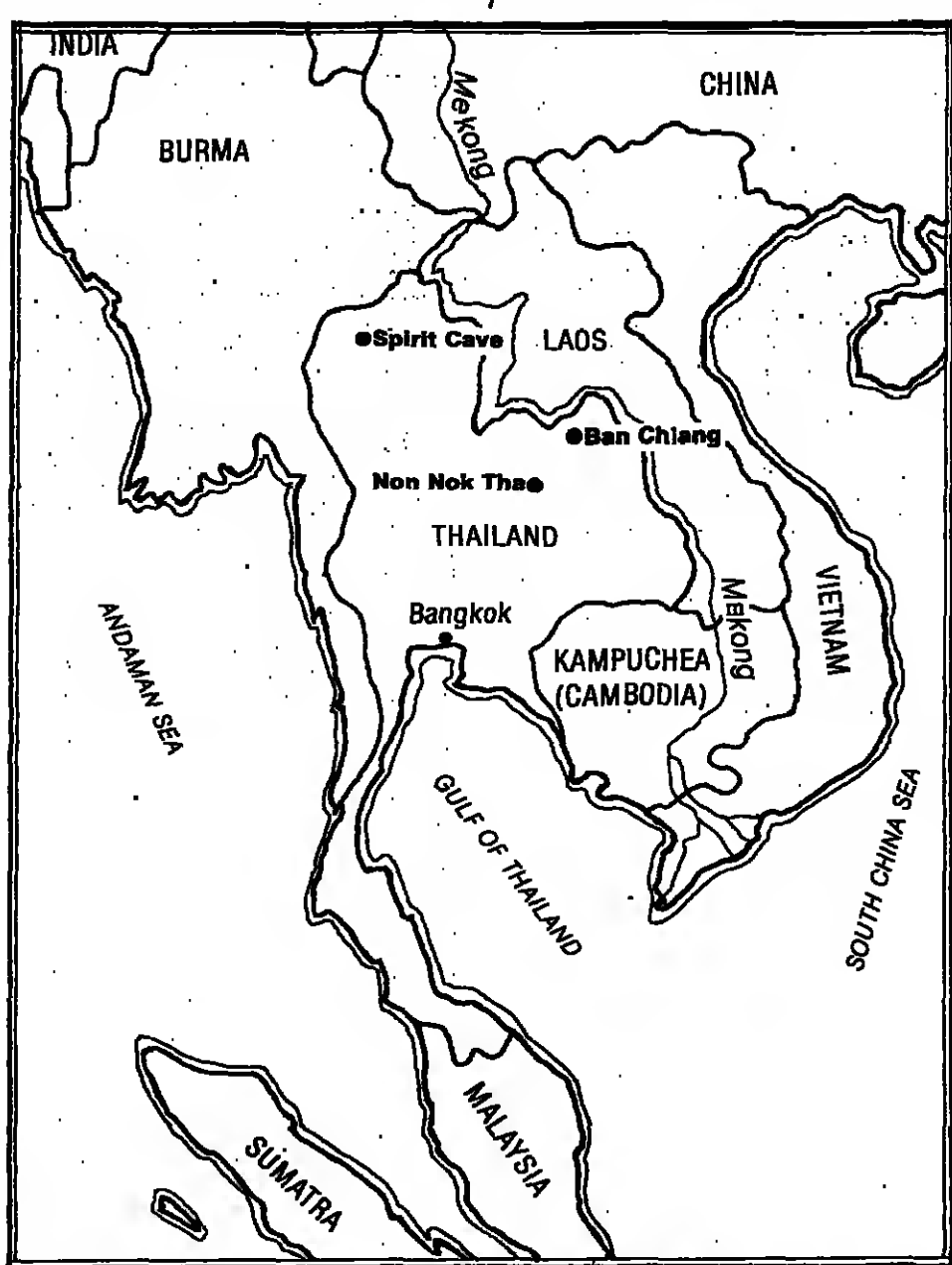
That soon was to change. A full-scale excavation was launched at Ban Chiang in 1974. The largest ever conducted in Southeast Asia, the excavation was directed by the late archaeologist Chester F. Gorman of the University Museum, who had earlier excavated a Stone Age culture dating to 12,000 B.C. at Spirit Cave in northern Thailand, and Pitsi Charoenwongsa of the Thai Fine Arts Department.

Tons of soil were sifted to retrieve every sherd, scrap of bone and fragment of metal. After two seasons of fieldwork, 18 tons of material, including more than 1 1/4 million pottery sherds, 200 pots and 2,000 other artifacts — most associated with burials — were sent to the University Museum for analysis. The skeletal remains from 123 human burials were sent to the University of Hawaii, animal remains to New Zealand. A battery of the latest sophisticated scientific methods was employed to study the metal objects. Pots were laboriously reconstructed in the basement of the University Museum. Data were computerized for easy retrieval.

In 1979, White went to Ban Chiang for 20 months to gather information on current life-style and the present-day ecology to see what might be learned about the past.

From years of detailed study and analysis, a picture of life at Ban Chiang has begun to emerge. The early inhabitants, White says, settled around 4000 B.C. on a rise near two seasonal streams, bringing with them the rudiments of an agricultural life-style. They built simple huts on piles, collected much of their food from the wild, cultivated rice and raised some domesticated animals.

Sometime after 3000 B.C., the villagers began to make cast bronze tools and ornaments. Earlier on, however, the villagers had begun making beautiful ceramics. Many of the oldest pots unearthed at Ban Chiang have abstract freehand curvilinear designs, embellished with burnishings, painting, applique



and impressions from cord.

The Ban Chiang people also buried their dead with great ceremony. "Vulgar," for example, was a middle-aged man nicknamed by the excavators for the Roman god of metal-making. He was buried around 1500 B.C. with a socketed bronze adze and four bronze bracelets, a painted and incised pot at his feet and 30 pellets beside his head, possibly projectiles used with a bow.

"Later, between 1000 and 300 B.C.," White says, "an elaborate new funeral rite came into use, in which large, delicate pots were shattered over the body. This suggests a society willing to 'throw away' items requiring considerable labor."

The most important and unanticipated discovery from this period was the presence of iron artifacts — hammers, bracelets and spearpoints — some of the oldest iron objects found in East Asia. "Since the technology for casting bronze is not directly transferable to iron," White explains, "the appearance of iron indicates a considerable expansion in the metallurgical repertoire of the ancient metalworkers."

For another 500 years, beginning around 300 B.C., the Ban Chiang culture continued to blossom and prosper. The villagers painted elaborate pottery designs and carved intricate clay rollers, which may have been used to print textiles. They also fashioned delicate, twisted wire necklaces from a unique kind of bronze made with a high tin content, a type of material requiring exceptionally high skill in handling because of its brittle nature.

Archaeologists have been unable to find traces of the Ban Chiang culture later than 200 B.C. and, since the villagers left no written records, scientists can only speculate that the society was eclipsed by Buddhist cultures that spread from India and China in the third century.

As might be expected, the excavation of Ban Chiang has raised more questions than it has answered about the development of civilization in Southeast Asia.

"The Ban Chiang people," White says, "had very sophisticated metallurgical tradition, which apparently developed independently of China or India. Yet to focus exclusively on the metal is to miss much of the story and significance of Ban Chiang. Metals do not create cultural development, people do."

What's surprising is that, in contrast to other prehistoric sites, none of the objects found at Ban Chiang imply any military purposes or an urban setting. Why did the exacting, labor-consuming technology of bronze-working become established at such an early date in a Southeast Asian agricultural village society?

"Everything we've seen suggests a peaceful society endowed with economic prosperity, security, stability and high aesthetic achievement for 4,000 years."

Who, then, were these people? Where did they come from, what was their influence on other regions and where did they go? "That so many questions remain to be answered," White replies, "means that this region will be one of the most exciting areas for archaeological research for years to come."

Liability litigations drive many firms to bankruptcy in U.S.

By Rita Chioli

WASHINGTON (LAT) — A bullet rips through the brain of a presidential aide during an assassination attempt. A madman poisons seven persons with cyanide in Tylonol capsules. The cost is in lives and dollars.

Lawsuits put the price at \$131,500,000. The two incidents may seem unconnected at first, but they have a fundamental similarity. The survivors of both want someone to pay for the tragedies. Therefore, they are using traditional legal theories in a novel way to dramatically expand the law.

"There is a mentality in the population that for every harm there must be a remedy in money," said Thomas McNamara, a Michigan lawyer and chairman of an American bar association subcommittee on manufacturer's liability litigation. "A significant part of the population is hoping to fall down in the supermarket and retire with a non-crippling injury."

That is why RG Industries, which made the gun John Hinckley used to shoot President Reagan and his press secretary, James Brady, and Johnson & Johnson, which produced Tylonol, are joining other major corporations being forced to face a new frontier in negligence law.

So far, Ford Motor Co. has paid millions of dollars in damages because of the exploding fuel tank on its Pinto model. In one of the largest product liability claims, Vietnam veterans are suing Dow Chemical and other manufacturers of Agent Orange. They charge that the defoliant caused serious illnesses to the soldiers and their families. Because of such lawsuits, a major company, the Manville Corp., had to file for bankruptcy this summer because it could not cope with the number of claims based on exposure to toxic asbestos.

The lawsuits are part of a body of law known as product liability, which means manufacturers are liable for defective products. It is an extension of the common law remedy known as torts, meaning the victim of a wrongful act is entitled to damages. In 1963, a new era began with a landmark California case that held manufacturers liable for a "defect" even though it may not be the result of any negligence in the product's design or manufacture.

The leading expert in this area, John Wade of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, said it is a result of consumerism. "When there was an auto accident 15 or 20 years ago, nobody thought of suing the manufacturer," he said. "They sued the other driver." Sheila Birnbaum, a products liability specialist and associate dean of New York University Law School, said: "It is an incredibly expanding area of law." The Tylonol and Brady cases can stretch the law even more, she said. "Even a year ago, people wouldn't have been expected to pursue a lawsuit where there was an intervening criminal act."

In the Tylonol poisonings, survivors are suing for a total of \$31.5 million. Leonard Ring, a Chicago attorney representing the survivors of three of the victims, is arguing that Johnson & Johnson failed to use tamper-proof caps and lids such as foil or plastic seals. He also contends it was possible to have a solid capsule that couldn't be opened. "All of the things they are doing now," Ring said, "were clearly known to them and were used in some form by others."

One of Ring's bigger hurdles is convincing judge and jury that the firm could have foreseen the acts of a still-unknown person. Regardless of the outcome, experts agree the practical effects of the Tylonol case mean more secure packaging of practically all food and drug products. After the Tylonol incident, a manufacturer can no longer claim that such criminal tampering was not foreseeable.

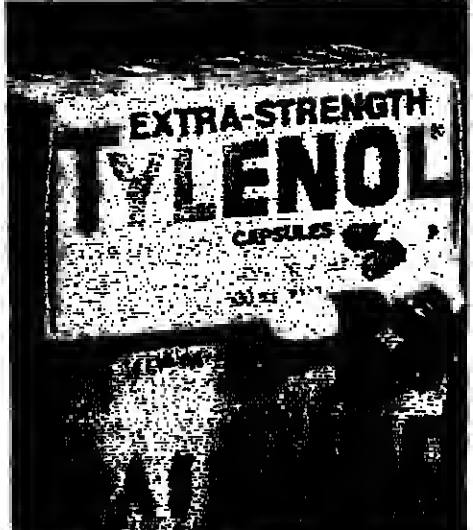
The \$100-million suit against a Miami maker of cheap handguns, brought by James Brady, the president's press secretary, has the most dramatic potential of all — eliminating the cheap Saturday night special handguns from the market. It would accomplish what handgun control advocates have been unable to do through legislative action.

Brady and his wife, Sarah, are suing RG Industries, which assembles 15,000 guns a

day by putting imported West German parts on an one dollar frame in a Miami factory. Hinckley bought the gun for \$50 from a Dallas pawnshop.

Seven lawsuits similar to Brady's are pending around the country. They are being anxiously watched. The victims are being assisted by the Foundation for Handgun Education, based in Washington, D.C., which collects data about handgun lawsuits and assists litigants.

"When a handgun makes a crime victim a quadriplegic, society at large is paying for it," said Samuel Fields, executive director of the



TYLENOL: A box of extra-strength Tylonol seized from a Columbia drugstore recently. foundation. "We want an industry with gross sales of \$200 to \$300 million a year to pay for it. The damages in these lawsuits would make the true cost of their products come home to them."

Brady's lawsuit argues not that the gun was defective — it did exactly what it was supposed to do. Instead it presents two theories: First, manufacturers and handgun distributors are liable for injuries because they make little effort to stop the guns from falling into the hands of criminals. Second, the inherent dangerousness of such guns outweigh any social usefulness.

Brady's suit contends that several factors show that the gun was being marketed for criminals, not for legitimate owners of firearms. These factors include the price of the RG 14 weapons, \$39.95, its concealable 2-inch barrel melts after five or six firings, Brady's court papers cite a series in newspapers, which reported that the RG 14, of which there are an estimated 1 million nationwide, is used more often in crimes than any other weapon.

Stuart Speiser, a product liability lawyer, said that if Brady or others are successful, manufacturers of cheap handguns would find their insurance canceled. "They'll either go out of business after a few judgments," Speiser said, "or they'll stop selling to shops that don't check their customers."

The Brady lawsuit goes further than the Tylonol cases because its purpose is not only to recover damages for his injuries, but to stop the sale of illegal handguns. Speiser, who wrote a book in 1980 about just such a lawsuit, agrees with this purpose. "We use our legal system to change society," he said. "We can go into court when the rest of the government is paralyzed."

But other legal observers are not convinced that lawsuits are the best way to achieve broad societal change. There have to be some limits, argues Aaron Twerski of Hofstra University Law School. He uses the textbook example of an automobile. It is certainly dangerous, but a totally safe vehicle would be unaffordable. "There are significant tradeoffs," Twerski said. "It is not now and never has been the policy of this country to have safety at any cost."

The two national tragedies present legal, political and social issues. "The fascinating part of the story is that it lays bare fundamental questions about what we want our tort system to do," said Twerski. "How much safety is enough safety? What are the tradeoffs to be made, and who do we want to be the decision-makers, the courts or the legislatures?"

Thai monument of hate

By Ben Barber

RIVER KWAL, Thailand (LOS) — Twenty thousand Thais had gathered for carnival-like festival beside the infamous bridge over the River Kwal, but they started their week of fun with a minute of silence for the thousands of Allied prisoners of war who died building the bridge and the 225-mile Burma railway.

Despite open-air Kung Fu movies, Thai boxing, bull races and rock music, the keynote was provided in a sound and light show describing the bridge as a "monument of hate" to the Japanese who ordered its construction.

With lights picking out in the steel spans set on 11 masonry towers, the building and bombing of the bridge were both vividly re-enacted. Smoke from mock explosions filled the valley, obscuring the river but not the bridge looming above it.

In World War II, the Japanese Army, eager to open a supply route across dense jungle from Thailand to Burma, worked and starved to death 100,000 forced Burmese and Malay laborers, and 16,000 Dutch, British, Australian, Canadian and American prisoners of war.

Unlike the wooden "bridge over the River Kwai," erected in Sri Lanka for the film, the real thing still stands intact — a steel and concrete structure that cost one life for every sleeper. Only two center spans had to be rebuilt after a raid by Allied bombers in 1944.

POWs' drawings, on display in a war museum at a Buddhist temple in nearby Kan-

chanaburi show why so many died during the three-year bridge-building ordeal from 1942 to 1945.

Naked to the waist, bearded, starved and haunted-looking men haul huge log structures through waist-deep water. Uniformed guards hold a struggling prisoner down while his hands are smashed with a sledgehammer for stealing food.

"Give me his — he's dead," reads the caption to a drawing of food distribution in a hut. Many Thais — but fewer and fewer survivors and relatives of the POWs — stop at the Kanchanaburi war cemetery, where the remains of 6,982 British, Dutch and Australian POWs were interred after being dug up from graves along the track.

Tina Slingo, a 21-year-old English girl, stood before her grandfather's grave and read the epitaph. "He died to make us free. Forever in our thoughts. Love from sons Ken, Reg and Eric."

"I am the only one of my family that has ever been here," said Tina. "It seems funny to see my name here, and my father's name." Then she added: "We know he died of hunger."

Leung Tong vividly remembers the torment of the POWs. "The Japanese hit me in the face when I took pity and gave a banana to a prisoner," said Leung, aged 54, now a cemetery caretaker in Kanchanaburi.

Leung was 16 when the Japanese held 10,000 sick prisoners at Chungkai. Daily he helped dig graves for the expected victims of dysentery, cholera and hunger.

"The Thai people will never forget what happened here," he said.

Behind Japan's 'black mist' of corruption

By Peter McGill

TOKYO (LOS) — "Please don't write anything scandalous about Mr. Tanaka," pleaded a Foreign Ministry official, wary of the press treatment of the man who pulls the strings in Japan's new government and who is on trial in a major bribery scandal.

For the past 10 years, Kakuei Tanaka, prime minister from 1972 to 1974, has effectively ruled Japan as *asayami shogun* or "dictator in the darkness."

Shrouded in the "black mist" of alleged bribery, influence peddling, tender rigging, ballot stuffing and tax evasion, Tanaka has paradoxically managed to increase his political strength to the point where he, not Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, is the undisputed leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Nominally, Tanaka is no longer a member of the LDP because he resigned when the bribery scandal blew up. Nevertheless, he controls the highest faction of LDP members, and his support is indispensable for every important political decision, including who

should be prime minister and who is picked for the cabinet.

The day after becoming premier, even before he was sworn in by the emperor, Nakasone went to pay his respects to Tanaka, subsequently stacking the cabinet with six members of the Tanaka faction, and appointing a close friend of Tanaka to the key post of justice minister.

Last month saw another triumph for Tanaka in the opening of a new "bullet train" service from Tokyo to Tanaka's political fiefdom in Niigata, on the west coast. At a time when the LDP and government are berating Japanese National Railways for losing money, the "Tanaka line" will reportedly lose 100 billion yen a year.

Tanaka's running of his constituency in Niigata is a model for his manipulation of national politics. His voting machine is a group called *Etsuzankai* with 90,000 members in Niigata, including most of the local government bureaucrats, village heads and owners of construction companies. Every town and village has a branch.

Support from Niigata is assured not just by

fixing big projects like the bullet train. Every year the head huter of Tanaka's residence in Tokyo, Taichi Yamada, visits Niigata in the company of officials from the Construction Ministry (in every cabinet since 1972 the construction minister has been a member of the Tanaka faction).

In a ritual procession, Yamada and team go around every town and village and ask the *Etsuzankai* what they want doing that year. Being a butler, Yamada has no official authority but his promises on behalf of his boss are always kept, and new roads, bridges, and pavements appear to order. As a rule the money comes out of the national budget of the Construction Ministry.

Etsuzankai has a Tokyo counterpart which collects and distributes money, the stuff which is the key to Tanaka's success.

According to Japan's foremost authority on Tanaka, Takashi Tachibana, every member of Tanaka's 135-strong LDP faction is on his payroll, and many others besides.

"He has connections in every government department, and he can pick up the telephone at any time of day or night and call almost any

high government official, though nowadays that's mostly done by his staff," Tachibana says.

Joining Tanaka's faction offers access to government ministries and contracts to favor constituents, plus the magic of Tanaka's political savvy and the enormous help his ticket offers in winning elections. If the relationship turns sour, Tanaka retains loyalty by threatening to cut off funding.

Tanaka's first major scandal was in 1974 when Tachibana discovered that Prime Minister Tanaka had been buying up land intended for public development and selling it at vast profit when the development was announced. As a result, Tanaka was forced to resign.

Two years later came the bombshell from the U.S. Senate of bribery by Lockheed during the Tanaka government to influence purchase of Tristar planes for a Japanese airline. The then prime minister, Takeo Miki, ordered Tanaka's arrest. As soon as Tanaka was free on bail, he deposed Miki, who has since been Tanaka's bitter foe.

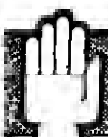
The verdict on Tanaka in the Lockheed trial is expected sometime late next year. At Tanaka's instigation, the government will probably hold a general election in June, before popular censure of Tanaka finds expression at the ballot box.

When Nakasone appointed Tanaka's friend Akira Hatano as justice minister, the worst fears of many people were confirmed. Hatano, a former Tokyo police chief and an obstructive member of the Lockheed investigation committee in 1976, seemed the worst choice for the post.

Tachibana is convinced he 'knows' the explanation for the appointment. The case against Tanaka rests on depositions taken in the U.S. from three former Lockheed executives. The problem for the Japanese public prosecutors was fulfilling the demand of the U.S. courts for immunity for the three. Japan's legal code contains no right to perpetual immunity. Instead, the prosecutors and the Supreme Court 'promised' present and future immunity in a written statement.

Last year Hatano summoned officers from the Supreme Court and the prosecutors' office and insisted that this immunity was unconstitutional. Hatano then alluded to special rights vested in the justice minister under Article 14 of the law on public prosecutions.

HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE I AND II



Dear Dr. Steincrohn: For the past few years, I've been getting cold sores on my lips. Some call them fever blisters, although I don't have any fever. Otherwise, I'm a healthy 42-year-old. What I'm afraid of is that I'll get them on my private. Is there any connection? — Mrs. F.

Dear Mrs. F.: Chances are what you're suffering from is what we call Herpes Simplex I. As in your case, a favorite area is the lips. You haven't said so, but it's likely that the blisters disappear within a few weeks — then return every three or four months. Likewise, with the type of infection we call Herpes II. This is a virus that commonly attacks the mucous membranes of the vagina. It is often spread through sexual contact. The condition is stubborn and if present at the time of giving birth may endanger the infant. Herpes Simplex II also recurs a few times yearly. There's no specific treatment. A drug called Acyclovir may relieve during the first attack, but is no sure cure. Prevention, if possible, is the best way to manage the condition. Promiscuity in sexual activity is often an invitation to infection. But that is not the only explanation. Herpes of all types still remain challenges to medical treatment.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I admit I'm at least 30 pounds overweight. Nevertheless, I'm not worried about it too much. My doctor has

checked my cholesterol and my blood pressure and they're okay. Yet, friends keep telling me I should lose because too much weight invites heart attacks. Is this true? — Mr. V.

Dear Mr. V.: I don't know what your friends base their conclusions on, but I think they happen to be true. For years, I've warned overweight patients that the excess fat in the tissue is a strain on the heart. Recent reports from studies in Framingham indicate that no matter how well you are otherwise (normal blood pressure, normal cholesterol levels) — and even in absence of smoking — if you weigh too much, you're still a more likely candidate for a heart attack. Therefore, Mr. V., better listen to your friends and me: take off some of that excess poundage.

For Mrs. O.: One way to lessen periods of weakness and hunger pains apparently due to sharp drops in blood sugar is to get into the habit of taking snacks between meals. But watch your weight. Do not do so at the expense of taking in too many extra calories. Avoid concentrated sweets like candies and cookies. Rely on fruits, bits of cheese, nibbling on carrots, etc.

(Tomorrow: If Hippocrates returned!)

By Peter J.

Steincrohn

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BIS says

Asia received bigger slice of credit cake

BASEL, Dec. 27 (R) — Asian developing countries got a bigger share of long-term bank credit in the first half of 1982 as banks grew cautious in lending to Latin America and East Europe, figures showed Monday.

Swiss banks assets dip

ZURICH, Dec. 27 (R) — The net foreign asset position of all Swiss banks declined by 1.8 billion francs in the third quarter to 27.5 billion, the national bank said.

The decline was mainly due a 30 percent rise of the gold price, larger inflows of foreign funds, and declining use of foreign money markets by increasingly liquid Swiss banks, it said in a preview of its monthly report. The higher gold prices boosted the book value of metal accounts on the liability side, it said.

Overall liabilities rose 5.4 billion francs to 110 billion while assets including currency swaps with the national bank rose merely 3.6 billion to 144 billion, it said.

In fiduciary business, liabilities rose also faster than assets, mainly because fiduciary business with Swiss-based customers declined both in foreign and domestic currency, it said.

The combined net asset position from both fiduciary and other business fell 5.2 billion francs to 54 billion, it said.

South Korea, Malaysia and Indonesia, all of which also received more unused credit facilities.

The BIS report, covering international bank loans in the first half of 1982, said credit to Latin America and the Middle East fell increasingly into the short-term category of up to one year. A shortening of maturities is generally seen as a sign of weakening credit worthiness.

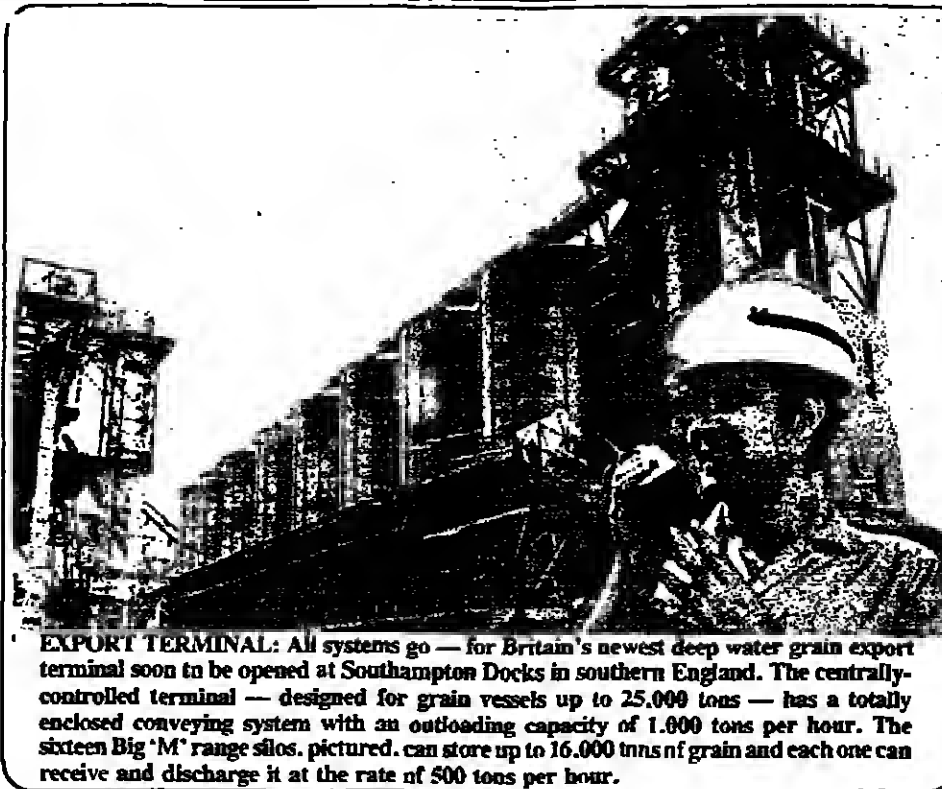
The trend was particularly pronounced in the case of Mexico and Argentina but Brazil was an exception, doing most of its borrowing at longer-term. All three countries have since run into severe debt repayment difficulties.

Mexico's debt to banks in mid-1982 was \$64.4 billion, up from \$7.1 billion at the end of 1981. Brazil's debt was up 3.8 billion to \$5.3 billion and Argentina increased its debt to \$25.3 from \$24.8 billion for the same period.

The BIS reported weakening confidence in the credit standing of East Europe, where Poland and Romania have been forced into rescheduling and Hungary had to be bailed out of a liquidity crisis by Western central banks.

Nearly all of the \$6.7 billion decline in banks' outstanding claims on East Europe was in the short-term category, reflecting a massive withdrawal of deposits by Western banks early in the year. The largest falls were recorded in claims on the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary and East Germany, the BIS said.

In the Middle East, Kuwait and Egypt were the chief new borrowers, mainly on short-term. The pattern of international bank debt showed little change from the second half of 1981.



EXPORT TERMINAL: All systems go — for Britain's newest deep water grain export terminal soon to be opened at Southampton Docks in southern England. The centrally-controlled terminal — designed for grain vessels up to 25,000 tons — has a totally enclosed conveying system with an outloading capacity of 1,000 tons per hour. The sixteen big 'M' range silos, pictured, can store up to 16,000 tons of grain and each one can receive and discharge it at the rate of 500 tons per hour.

With recession seen ending

Commodities outlook bright

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (Depthnews) — An upturn in commodity prices is on the cards next year. But this will be a modest recovery from the record lows of 1982. The levels obtaining in 1980 are unlikely to be restored till 1984 or 1985, making the 1981-85 period the worst five years producers have faced in the past three decades.

This is the sombre judgment of World Bank economists keeping tabs on market prospects. These concern the bank in two ways. One is the general impact on less developed countries (LDCs), particularly borrowers like Malaysia and Thailand heavily dependent upon commodities.

The forecast of an upturn in prices next year is based on the belief that stagnation in industrial economies will come to an end in the next few months, following a recovery in the U.S. Although most other forecasters in national or international agencies share this belief, World Bank economists have taken the precaution of drawing up an alternative scenario in case the hope of an economic recovery is once again belied. The several false dawns in the past three years of stagnation incline them to caution.

They frankly admit that if industrial economies continue to mark time, 1983 would be a disaster for commodity exporters. Prices of non-food agricultural materials like rubber, cotton and tobacco, which have

dropped by a fifth since 1980, may decline almost as much again.

The crucial factor which determines the ups and downs in the prices of commodities is the level of industrial production in developed countries, grouped in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The battering commodities have taken since 1980 is explained by the fact that OECD industrial output stayed put in that year, increased by less than 1 percent in the following year and is estimated to have declined by about as much this year.

When OECD countries catch a chill, LDC commodities suffer from a severe malaise. This remains as true now as before, despite the attempts to develop some degree of immunity through such defences as commodity pacts. Ironically, the four commodities for which pacts are in place experienced some of the largest falls in prices in 1981: rubber, 22 percent; cocoa, 20 percent; coffee, 17 percent; tin, 16 percent.

Going by this experience, World Bank economists acknowledge that the LDCs search for commodity power has proved fruitless so far. They agree, however, that the situation may have been worse still but for the buffer stock purchases and export quotas instituted under the pacts.

Abe briefs West on tariff cuts

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (AP) — Foreign Minister Shinzo Abe told Western ambassadors Monday that Japan made "maximum efforts" by adopting a new package of tariff cuts to open its markets to imports, officials said.

Abe invited U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield in the morning and envoys from 10 European Economic Community nations in the afternoon to the ministry to explain Japan's position on the cuts, officials said.

Abe told the ambassadors the decision to cut tariffs on 78 new items, including tobacco, chocolate and biscuits, was made with "great sacrifice" by Japan to maintain the world's free trade system and friendly relations with their nations, officials said.

The government plan was generally approved Friday by the finance ministry's Tariff Ratio Council. Strong protests from farm area representatives in the ruling Lib-

Ahmad Sultan freed in bribery case

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (AP) — Former Deputy Premier Ahmad Sultan's acquittal of charges of taking bribes totalling \$331,000 from the Westinghouse Electric Corporation became final Sunday when a court rejected a government plea for retrying him.

The acquittal report was carried by the semi-official newspaper Al-Akram Monday. The newspaper said the court issued its ruling Sunday.

Sultan was taken to a state security court in 1980 accused of taking the bribes in return for granting the American firm a \$30 million power plant contract but was cleared of the charges.

eral Democratic Party delayed approval on cuts on chocolate, tobacco, and biscuits, until Saturday.

The measures, virtually assured approval by the LDP-controlled Diet (parliament), go into effect next April 1. They will slash tobacco tariffs from 35 to 20 percent and reduce tariffs on chocolate and biscuits by about 10 percentage points to 20 percent.

An informed government source Monday said the cuts were a unilateral decision on the part of Japan, accomplished without any counter-offer from Tokyo's trading partners.

Japan is the only country among the major trading nations which has recently been taking measures to open its market, while other nations are going in the other direction, he said. "Many countries are swimming downstream, and some other neutral countries are just drifting in a river," he said, "whereas Japan is the only swimmer who is trying to swim upstream."

He said Japan will continue to examine what steps can be taken to further open its market, and that a ministerial council on economic measures would be convened Jan. 13 to make formal decisions on import procedures, standards and testing, and other important issues related to imports.

During their 40-minute meeting with Abe, Mansfield expressed appreciation for the Japanese decision, and said that the measures would be a major factor in the battle against rising protectionist sentiment in the United States and Europe, the officials said.

The officials said Japan will try to iron out differences with the United States possibly by mid-January over importation of eight other products like roller skates and motor vehicles and baseball helmets.

With new Opel Corsa

GM vies for European market

MADRID, Dec. 27 (R) — After a marketing test run, the U.S. car giant General Motors (GM) is making a major new challenge for primacy in the European market with the launching of the Opel Corsa.

Despite the ailing condition of the industry in Europe, the world's largest motor company has invested almost \$2 billion in Spain to produce the Corsa as a competitor on the small-car end of the market. Production began on target in August at Zaragoza, northeastern Spain, and sales began in mid-November.

This was only a month before the Adam Opel Company in West Germany, a GM subsidiary, introduced short-time working because of continuing weak demand.

The plant will produce 200,000 cars next year. Full product of 270,000 units in 1984 will make Spain Europe's fourth-largest car producer, a company spokesman said. It now stands fifth.

The Zaragoza plant and three components factories took \$1.8 billion of GM's \$2 billion European expansion program. Small cars make up about 25 percent of total European new car sales and up to 35 percent in Italy, Spain, France and Portugal, according to company figures.

GM Chairman Roger Smith has said the European car market offers 2.5 percent growth in the eighties, against one percent in the United States. Demand in Spain is expected to grow faster, another company official, Javier Oras, told Reuters.

The company plans to sell about a quarter of its full Corsa production in Spain and to export over 180,000 of the cars a year from 1984. Sales in Spain, Italy and France have already outstripped production, Oras said.

Exports to Portugal begin in January, to West Germany in March and to Scandinavia and Britain in April or May, he said. The main rivals for the new car are the Renault Five, the Ford Fiesta and Fiat's 127. British

Leyland, Britain's state-owned carmaker, which is pinning its survival hopes on its Metro model, sees the Corsa as a threat.

British unions have threatened to boycott imports of the Corsa citing what they call Spanish tariff discrimination and possible British job losses. They say Spanish cars sold in the European Economic Community pay only 4.4 percent import duty but cars entering Spain are subject to 36.7 percent.

Spain exported 11.3 percent of its car output in the first nine months of this year, Spanish carmakers' figures show. Britain recently complained to the European Economic Community's council of ministers about the 1970 agreement between Spain and the Common Market, designed to allow Spain's fledgling auto industry to grow without being swamped by European competitors. No decision has been taken yet.

But General Motors is not worried, said Oras. Full integration into the community is unlikely before 1986 and GM's production is aimed at the whole of Europe, not just Spain.


Canada's output drops by 3.2 %

OTTAWA, Dec. 27 (R) Canada's seasonally adjusted index of industrial production or gross domestic product fell 3.2 percent in October to 116.7, base 1971, after a 3.3 percent fall in September, Statistics Canada said.

The index covers manufacturing, mining and utilities and accounts for nearly 30 percent of the index of real domestic product.

In October, manufacturing output fell 3.75 percent while electrical, gas and water utilities were off 2.52 percent, metal mines were off 3.66 percent and rubber and plastics declined 5.35 percent. However, nonmetal mines, exclusive of coal mines, increased output by 12.56 percent.

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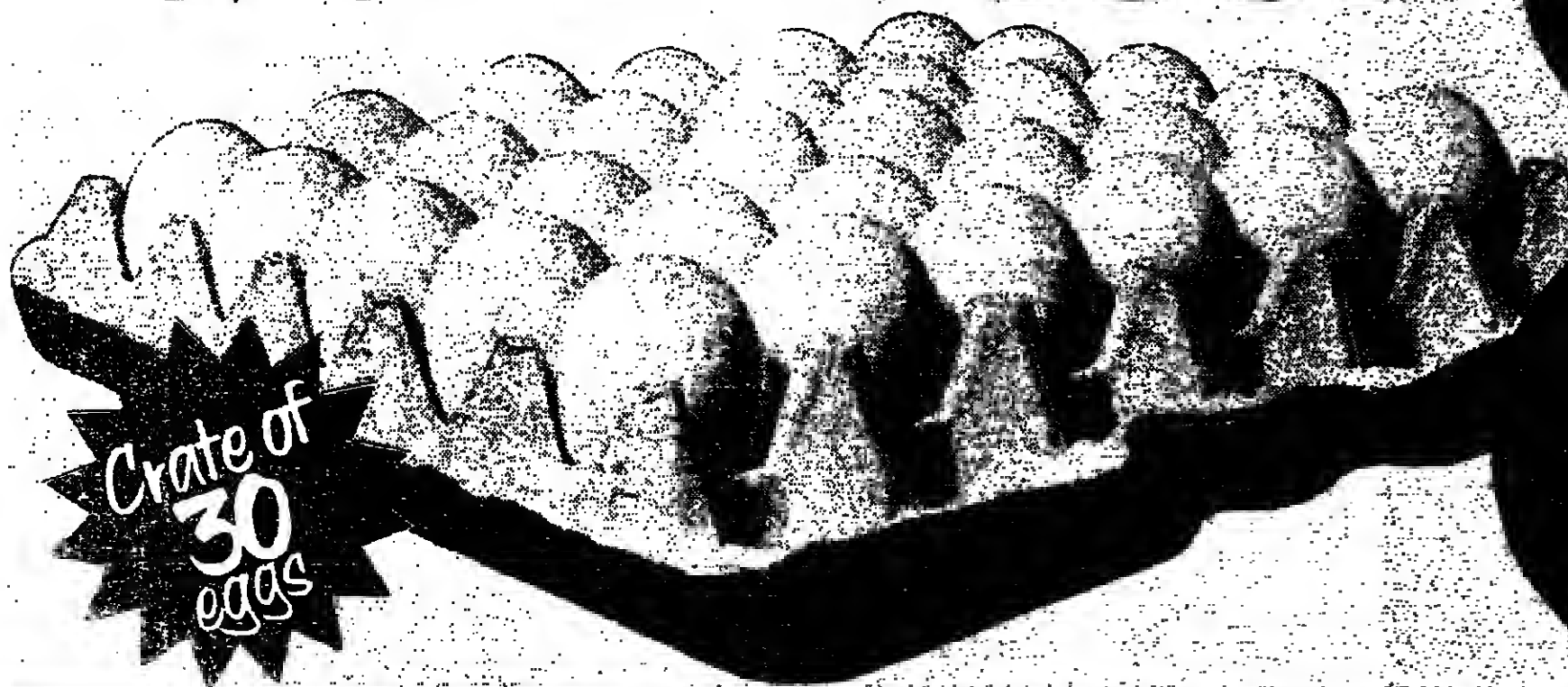
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As 1982 nears end

World oil scene in disarray

PARIS, Dec. 27 (AFP) — The world oil scene is in a state of disarray as 1982 draws to a close.

After a decade in which rates have increased an average 35 percent, the downward pressure on prices in a saturated market has sharply reduced the revenues of the oil exporters and shaken the cohesion of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

For the consumer countries the average 6.8 percent 1982 drop from \$36.7 to \$34.2 a barrel in the rate for oil imported by the countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has eased these customers' foreign trade deficit, but has cast doubts on the energy projects that are needed to ensure long-term supplies.

Under the effect of the recession and energy saving, with the OECD recording

negative 0.5 percent growth, consumption of crude oil has again declined in 1982: 4.5 percent in the OECD and 3.8 percent in the non-oil Third World.

The oil producer nations, who embarked on major development programs after two "oil shocks", have had to tighten their belts and engage in fierce competition to sell their oil.

This year's world oil output including that of the Communist countries should work out at seven percent below the 1981 figure, Western experts say. They estimate the figure at some 52 million barrels a day against previous 56.5 million.

The 13 OPEC countries have failed to agree on sharing out the sacrifices. And yet, last March OPEC displayed cohesion when it produced a plan designed to counter falling rates. Individual output quotas were laid

down, and an overall ceiling of 17.500.000 barrels a day decided.

The non-OPEC oil countries were the most avid for immediate revenue. Whereas OPEC this year has undergone a 20 percent output drop from 22,500,000 to 18,500,000 barrels a day, these other nations improved their market position. Mexico, number four producer with 2,700,000 to 2,800,000 barrels a day, boosted production 0.37 percent. Britain, number six with 2,200,000 barrels a day, showed a rise of 13 percent.

Total revenue of the OPEC countries has fallen 20 percent this year to \$182.6 billion from \$225 billion, one international oil company calculated the 1981 surplus was \$7,000 million but this year it is roughly zero. Western bankers believe it could even have a deficit of anything between \$5 billion and \$19 billion.

Shipowners sinking under waves of losses

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AFP) — The heavy losses suffered by shipowners in 1981 continued this year, with rates falling to catastrophic levels as the world recession deepened and the surplus of tonnage grew. Returns for oil tankers were at their lowest for 13 years, while dry-cargo owners accepted payments lower than have occurred since 1976. The massive imbalance of surplus tonnage was only partly remedied by a spate

of lay-ups.

The London-based shipbroker E.A. Gibson estimated that 70 million tons deadweight of tonnage was "mothballed" in December — 22 percent of the world tanker fleet and three times more than a year ago.

And, according to the latest British Chamber of Shipping figures, some 21 million tons (six percent) of dry-cargo vessels were laid up at the end of October. And ship-builders were faced by tumbling orders.

New contracts amounted to only 8.7 million tons gross during the first nine months of the year — 35 percent less than the corresponding figure last year. Lloyds Register of Shipping (LRS) reported.

Total orders at the end of September were down to just under 31 million tons gross — the lowest since December 1979 and more than 100 million tons below the 133.4 million ton record established in March 1974.

Tanker orders were badly hit, shrinking to a total "book" of only 5.67 million tons — down from 8.12 million tons gross a year ago. General cargo orders rose from 4.4 to 5.84 million tons gross, exceeding tanker orders for the first time for many years.

But the fierce competition on the market maintained with the delivery of new ships totaling 12 million tons gross this year, and a similar tonnage is expected in 1983. The world merchant fleet grew by 3.9 million tons gross in the 12 months to June, to a record 424.7 million tons, Lloyds added.

The weakness of the oil-tanker trades meant that the "combo" ships — combination vessels capable of carrying dry bulk cargoes, grain, coal, ore or oil — invaded the dry-cargo sector, able and willing to accept lower rates.

The deep recession and the resulting sharp cut-back in steel-making has sent the ore trades and ancillary sectors sliding to sometimes negligible proportions. They usually account for 30 percent of the dry cargo market.

The grain trade alone was not sufficient to support the amount of freight space available. Nevertheless, grain rates recovered well from the lows plumbed last December as Soviet charters persisted during the first three months of 1982, and inquiry from China, Japan and Europe also helped.

The trans-Atlantic grain rate (U.S./Europe) reached 8-month high of \$12.25 a ton in April. But prospects of another huge grain drop in Europe tempered interest over the summer months.

The Falklands conflict in April turned the market increasingly cautious, and rates eased quickly as tonnage refused to sail into the South Atlantic. Maritime shipping preferred to stay in the safer waters of the Northern Hemisphere, and also objected to ballasting anywhere unless assured of a remunerative rate.

Soviet chartering continued but was shrouded in secrecy. The summer recess brought hints that these charterers had hired too many vessels and were preparing to relet.

The end of the fighting in the South Atlantic coincided with a good demand for Argentinian grain from the Soviet Union, but this had very little impact on seafaring.

Bogota cuts taxes, hikes fuel prices

BOGOTA, Dec. 27 (R) — The Colombian government raised fuel prices and public transport charges 18 percent, cut income and wealth taxes and exempted lower income brackets from paying tax, under decrees issued by President Belisario Betancur.

Higher fuel and transport costs are aimed at reducing subsidies to the Colombian state oil company. These have cost the government about \$45 million a year as a result of the difference between the cost of imported fuel and the domestic price to consumers, and helped swell the budget deficit at \$1.50 billion this year.

The cut in income taxes and the move exempting low income brackets is aimed at reducing the tax burden in the current economic recession.

About 100,000 taxpayers will no longer have to submit an annual statement of their incomes, President Betancur said in the broadcast speech, in which he said he was taking emergency power for the next 50 days.

France, China confirm N-tie-up

PARIS, Dec. 27 (AFP) — The French foreign ministry Monday confirmed that France and China recently concluded a cooperation agreement in the nuclear power sector.

The atomic energy commissions of the two countries concluded the agreement in November, a ministry spokesman said. The French Commissariat A l'Energie Atomique (CEA) said the deal was signed in Paris. Earlier reports from Peking said this first agreement of its kind between the two countries covered research and development on water reactors ranging from 300 to 900 megawatts.

It provides for cooperation in the fields of reactor safety, sodium cooling technology, the geology and processing of uranium ore. The two countries are to run a joint cooperation program in 1983-84, renewable by tacit agreement. Personnel training and exchange will be part of the program.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The Belgian government announced that rents and valued added tax rates on many goods and services will rise as of Jan. 1. The VAT increases are to bring in an extra 15 billion Belgian francs a year for the government. Rents are going up by 6 percent. Separately, the economics ministry announced that the consumer price index in Belgium dropped by 0.10 percent in December, making the inflation rate 8.10 percent for 1982 as a whole.

BOGOTA, (AFP) — Authorities in this Colombian capital announced the issuing of a tender call shortly for financing and building 18 miles (27 kms) of subway line. Initial cost estimate is \$900 million. Work is scheduled to start early in 1984 and should take three years. About half the line will be underground.

MOSCOW, (R) — Soviet-Polish trade will increase by 8.9 percent in 1983 to 9.7 billion roubles, under an agreement signed by Soviet Trade Minister Nikolai Patolichev and his Polish counterpart Tadeusz Nestorowicz, the official Soviet news agency Tass said. It said the Soviet Union had

extended credit to Poland to even out the balance of trade between the two countries. It gave no further details.

ATHENS, (AFP) — The Greek Parliament approved the country's 1983 budget, providing for a deficit of 288.4 billion drachmas, or 9 percent of gross national product, against 9.4 percent for this year. The budget was adopted by a vote of 166 to 119. Defense spending under the budget will be 151.1 billion drachmas, up 12.7 percent in nominal terms from the previous budget.

PARIS, (R) — Preferential loans totaling 45 billion francs will be available to French firms in the private sector planning investments next year, high ranking finance ministry sources said. The cost of most of the loans will be cut by three percentage points from the current level, they said.

THE HAGUE, (R) — The Dutch current account balance of payments on a transactions basis showed a provisional seasonally adjusted surplus of 1.2 billion guilders in the third 1982 quarter, the finance ministry said.

Dollar rates fall slightly

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 27 — Monday European markets revealed few surprises in a mostly dull trading day. Eurodollar deposit rates eased by between 1/16 to 1/8 percent in the shorter tenors on fear that the Federal Reserve Board will cut back on its prime lending rates when the New York markets reopen Monday night.

With the London markets closed, activity in the continental bourses were extremely light in post-holiday trading. The American currency continued to lose some small ground Monday but on the whole prices were around the Friday New York closing levels.

In the bullion markets prices were also sluggish and dealers reported little serious trading interest. Gold ranged between \$448 to \$449 an ounce in Geneva but most transactions continued for book squaring purposes. Gold prices averaged around \$448 an ounce closed at that level. Silver prices were also steady at between \$10.72 to \$10.75 with little selling interest developing over the day.

In the local markets rial deposit rates were easier Monday by about 1/4 percent. The shorter tenors were the ones most affected and the one-week fixed deposit was quoted at around 7 - 7 1/2 percent compared with 7 1/4 on Sunday but trading volumes were small. The Bahrain based OBU's — offshore banking units — were more active Monday compared to Sunday

levels but even then most institutions left early for the day.

In the medium to longer-dated funds, rial deposit rates were more steady with rates quoted at Sunday prices of 9 - 9 1/2 percent for the year deposit and 8 1/2 - 9 percent for the six-month inter-bank tenor. There were few bidders at these rates with the markets still seeing liquidity injections into the system.

On the spot rial/dollar exchanges, the spot prices were moderate at around 3.4395-01 levels but again there were few takers at this price. Commercial transactions led the way.

In the continental bourses, the German mark opened at around 2.3890 but fell back slightly to 2.3910 levels in thin trading. The dollar on the whole was weaker against the other banks at 6.7300 for the French franc which continued to make steady progress against the American currency and 237.50 for the yen. The British pound seemed to have settled at the 1.6000 bench mark level but the markets are awaiting London's opening Tuesday to see if this price will hold. In the other currency oews, the Swiss currency was little changed at 2.0010 levels.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	closed
Paris	449.73
Frankfurt	450.58
Zurich	452.50
Hong Kong	closed

U.S. may cut oil hunt outlay

HOUSTON, Dec. 27 (R) — The U.S. petroleum industry will likely speed less next year than in 1982 to find and develop new oil and gas reserves, industry analysts and suppliers say.

But they believe the major oil companies' exploration activity could increase without a boost in spending, because of declines in the costs of acquiring acreage and drilling wells. A combination of flat expenditures by the majors, sharply reduced outlays by independent producers and lower prices is expected to result in another year of shrinking profits for the oil service and supply industry.

Chase Manhattan bank's energy group sees 1983 worldwide exploration and production expenditures remaining close to this year's projected total of \$78 to \$79 billion, down from \$87 billion in 1981.

A recent survey by Salomon Brothers found 22 major U.S. oil companies in the aggregate plan to maintain exploration and production outlays at the 1982 level next year.

Their intentions are quite positive in view of uncertainty about oil prices in 1983 and the industry's weakening cash flow, Salomon Vice President James Crandall said.

The survey results agree with a prediction by Digicon Inc., a geophysical services firm, that the majors' exploration budgets in 1983

will be about the same as this year's.

The major oil companies account for about 60 percent of the industry's exploration and production expenditures, which typically include lease payments and geophysical expenses as well as actual drilling costs.

With these costs expected to fall five to eight percent next year, on top of an average 15 to 20 percent decline in 1982, the majors will be getting more drilling for the same dollars, Crandall said.

41,000 workers laid off by Fiat

TURIN, Italy, Dec. 27 (R) — Fiat, Italy's largest car producer, laid off 41,000 employees Monday but a company spokesman said they would all be back early in the new year.

The Turin company has in the last two years had to operate a system of rotating lay-offs between plants even though sales have held up relatively well throughout the international recession.

Demand at home has been falling in recent months and the company plans to lay off another 40,000 employees for about a week next February, the spokesman said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:40 p.m. Monday

	Quoted at 5:40 p.m. Monday	Transfer
Bahmani Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka		14.22
Belgian Franc (1,000)		74.00
Canadian Dollar		278.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	144.50	144.32
Dutch Guilder (100)	130.75	130.60
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.28
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	51.15	51.02
Greek Drachma (1,000)		49.00
Indian Rupee (100)		35.33
Iranian Rial (100)		
Israeli Sheqel	6.25	25.05
Italian Lira (1,000)	25.15	25.05
Japanese Yen (1,000)		14.50
Korean Won (100)	9.75	9.725
Kwacha Dinar	11.91	11.89
Lebanese Lira (100)	89.00	88.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	56.00	54.55
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.62
Philippine Peso (100)		38.10
Pound Sterling	5.545	5.535
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		162.45
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	28.00	27.20
Swiss Franc (100)	171.85	171.70
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.45
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.35	75.10

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Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Asphalting pavement and lighting of Najran	27	5,000	Jan. 15
Directorate of Health Affairs, Hail Region	Catering for Hail Hospital, 1403-4	—	500	Jan. 8
Interior Ministry, College of Internal Security Forces	Setting up a training hall	—	4,000	Dec. 18
University of Petroleum and Minerals	Maintenance of campus gardens	—	250	Dec. 15
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Supervision of Tabuk beautification project	229	1,000	Jan. 4
	Filling-in of low lying areas in Rafha (Third time)	2230	500	Jan. 16

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1A	Merzario Persia	A.E.T.	Contrs./Trls	25.12.82
2	Kash Mazin	S.C.S.Z.	Bagged Durra	21.12.82
3	Garna Kasia	A.E.T.	Gen./Containers	24.12.82
4	Geliga	Star	Bagged Barley	23.12.82
5	Balder Gent	Altawil	Bagged Sugar	25.12.82
14	Tropicana	O.C.E.	Raefer	25.12.82
15	Sifna Nejd	O.C.E.	Bananas	16.12.82
17	Condor	Star	Gen./Steel	24.12.82
18	Condor	Star	General/Steel	25.12.82
18	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	24.12.82
19	Sagr Jeddah	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	20.12.82
20	Al Mareekh	Star	Fruit/Chicken	25.12.82
21	Maldiva Trader	O'Trade	Steel/Gen.	25.12.82
23	Nour	Hitta	Containers/Plant	24.12.82
24	Saudi Jeddah	M.E.S.A.	Lime/Gen./Timber	24.12.82
25	Kharoum	A.E.T.	Durra	21.12.82
27	Kavo Grossos	El Hawi	Bagged Sugar	22.12.82
29	Asia Freezer	O.C.E.	Reefer	23.12.82
30	Bora Universal	Star	Reefer	22.12.82
32	Sie Kim	El Hawi	Contrs./Steel/Tiles	25.12.82
33	Gulard	Star	Reefer/Gen.	21.12.82
33	Amfritid	Gulf	Paper/Steel/Calcium	25.12.82
37	Ming Young	Minco	Containers	24.12.82
40	Molha	Star	General	25.12.82
41	Omis	A.E.T.	Vehicles	25.12.82
42	Rofita	A.E.T.	Bagged Barley	20.12.82
43	Maldiva Prize	Bamaodah		

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5	Emilia Uno	Gosaihi	Bagged Sugar
9	Luchun	Ori	Loading Urea
12	Sharp Island	UEP	General
14	New Lark	Ori	Gen./Cont.
15	Darya Kamal	SMC	Timber/Reefer
18	Nikos-N	SMC	General
20	Mellow Everett	Gulf	Bananas
24	Hellenic Spirit	Gulf	Containers
26	Regent Quince (D.B.)	Alsbah	Bulk Cement
37	Arabian Lulus	Barber	Cement Silo VSL
38	Menina Alice (D.B.)	Globe	Bulk Cement
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RECENT ARRIVALS:			
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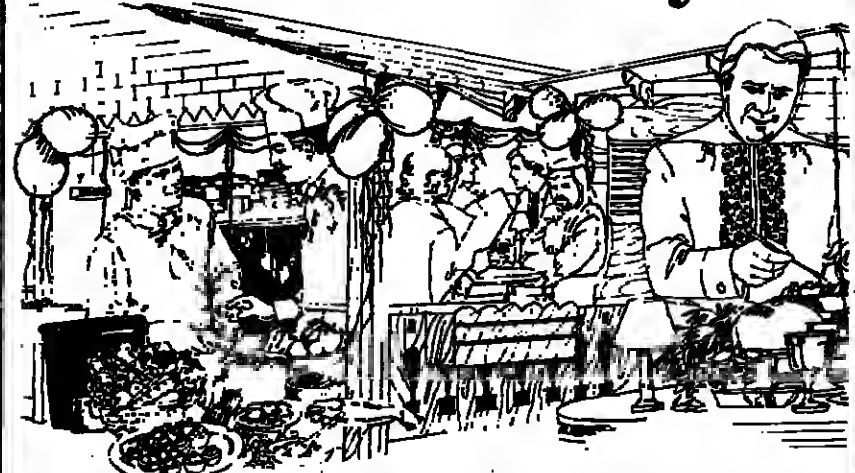


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Dickey sees Packers through

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP) — The Green Bay Packers made the National Football League playoffs for the first time since 1972 and six other teams also qualified Sunday on the next-to-last weekend of this strike-shortened season.

The Packers got into the playoffs with a 38-7 victory over playoff-bound Atlanta. Also gaining playoff berths Sunday were the San Diego Chargers, St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Bengals, Miami Dolphins, New York Jets and Minnesota Vikings, despite a loss to the Jets.

The Dolphins gained the playoffs without taking the field, as the result of an NFL formula to decide some of the 16 berths in the expanded field.

The Chargers outscored the Baltimore Colts 44-26, the Cardinals edged the New York Giants 24-21, the Bengals stopped the Seattle Seahawks 24-10 and the Jets walloped the Vikings 42-14.

The newly-qualified teams joined four others which had already clinched playoff berths — the Los Angeles Raiders, Dallas Cowboys, Washington Redskins, and Atlanta.

Five playoff berths are still up for grabs, and the Pittsburgh Steelers can nail down one

of them if Miami beats Buffalo on Monday night's game.

In other action Sunday, the Raiders beat the Denver Broncos 27-10; the Philadelphia Eagles edged the Cowboys 24-20; the Redskins beat the New Orleans Saints 27-10; Pittsburgh routed the New England Patriots 37-14; the San Francisco 49ers stopped the Kansas City Chiefs 26-13; the Cleveland Browns edged the Houston Oilers 20-14; the Tampa Bay Buccaneers nipped the Detroit Lions 23-21 and the Chicago Bears outscored the Los Angeles Rams 34-26.

Lynn Dickey connected with James Lofton on scoring passes of 80 and 57 yards to lead Green Bay over Atlanta. Dickey, who completed 10 of 17 attempts for 248 yards, also set up another touchdown with a 50-yard completion to Phil Epps.

Dan Fouts fired five touchdown passes, three to tight end Kellen Winslow and two to wide receiver Wes Chandler, as San Diego ripped the winless Colts. The victory extended San Diego's winning streak to five games — the club's longest in 18 years.

Neil Lomax drilled an 8-yard touchdown pass to Ruy Green with 27 seconds remaining, rallying the Cardinals over the Giants. Lomax's passes at the finish nullified final-

quarter heroics by Scott Brunner of the Giants, who directed New York on scoring drives of 64 and 50 yards in the fourth quarter, including one in the last minute.

Pete Johnson ran for a pair of touchdowns, and Ken Anderson and David Verser combined on a 56-yard TD pass play to lead Cincinnati over Seattle. Cincinnati got a 34-yard field goal from Jim Breech and a 3-yard touchdown burst by Johnson in the fourth quarter to put the game away.

New York cornerback Bobby Jackson covered 157 yards and scored twice for the Jets, once on a blocked field goal and another on an interception, as the Jets whipped the Vikings.

Rookie tailback Marcus Allen, the NFL's leading scorer, caught two touchdown passes from quarterback Jim Plunkett as the Raiders rolled past the error-prone Broncos.

Philadelphia quarterback Ron Jaworski broke a club career record for touchdown passes with a game-winning 10-yard toss to Harold Carmichael in the fourth quarter as the Eagles kept their faint postseason hopes alive with a victory over the Cowboys. Jaworski's new record of 112 touchdown passes erased by one the old career mark held by Norm Secord.

Joe Theismann bit wide receiver Charlie Brown on touchdown pass plays of 57 yards and 58 yards to lead the Redskins over the Saints, clinching the home field advantage for the Redskins in the playoffs. The Redskins sewed up a playoff berth last week — the first time since 1976 that Washington has been in postseason play.

Terry Bradshaw threw two touchdown passes, including a key 46-yard strike to Greg Hawthorne, and Gary Aderson kicked three field goals as the Steelers ended a month-long offensive slump by crushing the Patriots.

Dwight Clark atoned for a rare dropped pass by rambling 51 yards on a key third down play, setting up Jeff Moore's go-ahead touchdown, and Ray Werschling kicked four field goals to boost San Francisco past Kansas City. The victory kept alive the scant playoff hopes of the defending Super Bowl champions and doomed the Chiefs to an 11th consecutive non-playoff season.

Cleveland safety Clinton Burrell recovered two fumbles by Houston's Earl Campbell, the second setting up a one-yard game-winning touchdown run by Charles White with 5:40 to play as the Browns beat the Oilers.

Cornerback Bobby Watkins' pass interference penalty gave Tampa Bay the ball deep in Detroit territory and Bill Capece turned it into a 27-yard field goal with 25 seconds remaining, leading the Buccaneers over the Lions.

Walter Payton gained 104 yards to become only the fourth man in NFL history to surpass the career 10,000-yard rushing mark as he paced the Bears over the Rams.

Smooth-striding Wintle does it again

JEDDAH, Dec. 27 — Martin Wintle, the veteran Australian marathoner, seems to be going great guns. The smooth-striding runner, who a year ago crowned himself with glory, becoming the first athlete to run non-stop from the bottom to the top of the Taif escarpment, is once again in the spotlight.

In the stillness of the dawn last Thursday,

Wintle together with a back-up team began the 46-kilometer hazardous trek up and down the serpentine Taif escarpment, non-stop and emerged with flying colors, clocking four hours two minutes and 45 seconds.

The Saudia Flight Attendant Safety Training Specialist, reached the summit 15 minutes ahead of his 1981 uphill time and

attributed this to the "better knowledge of the course and continuous workouts." He admitted putting extra hours of training for the Taif run and said his program included several long runs taking in the length of the Jeddah Corniche, which he recommends for distance runners preparing for marathons.

The lean athlete, sporting a thick drooping moustache, was accompanied by a strong seven-man support team, who took turns in pacing him along the way. Two of them in particular, Thom Pierce and Duncan Cummings ran the downhill leg non-stop. For Pierce it was especially satisfying as he had run to the top as support to Martin last year.

Wintle, was all praise for the support team, consisting of Tom Smith, Tom Bennett, Pierce, Cummings, Keith Campbell, Edwin Roberts and John Heller and strongly emphasized the vital role they played in this event and stressed that without their bubbling enthusiasm this feat would not have been possible.

"This was my best effort to date," said Wintle of his Taif achievement. "It is vastly different from the shorter conventional, 42-kilometer marathons I have competed in Iran, Australia and Greece over the years."

Wintle would not comment on rumors that he next intends to run non-stop the full distance of the Makkah by-pass, but did confirm that he would be a likely entry at the Bahrain International Marathon in February after a short vacation in January.

However, one thing is sure that the day is not far when this friendly marathoner will again attempt to achieve another running 'first' in Saudi Arabia.



ON THE MOVE: Martin Wintle (second from left), together with the support team (from left) Duncan Cummings, Edwin Roberts, Thom Pierce, Keith Campbell and John Heller (partly visible) approaching the top of Taif.

Walton gives glimpses of things in store

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP) — Bill Walton, after playing two games in a row for the first time this season and turning in his best performance of the year, may be ready to help make the San Diego Clippers into a more consistent winner.

The Clippers beat the Portland Trail Blazers 112-105 Sunday night, their first victory this season in nine games with Walton in the lineup, as he had 25 points, eight rebounds and seven blocked shots. The victory also snapped an eight-game losing streak for the 5-23 Clippers.

Before Sunday, Walton hadn't played in a National Basketball Association game that his team won since March 8, 1981. He had missed the last two full seasons because of foot injuries and until now has played only once a week this year to test his durability.

"I was wondering if I ever was going to get a victory again in the NBA," Walton said. "I'm having a lot of fun now. It's great to be running around again after just limping around the last few years. I hope to keep it up and play a lot more."

"It looks like he's back," said center-

forward Mychal Thompson, who had 24 points and 12 rebounds for Portland. "That's bad news for the opposition and good news for the NBA. It's great for the people of San Diego. Bill makes a big difference in this team."

In other games: Kansas City edged Utah 120-118, Philadelphia oiled San Antonio 124-122, Milwaukee stopped Detroit 106-96, Indiana beat New York 87-81, Los Angeles held off Houston 96-94 and Seattle trimmed Phoenix 88-87.

Although the Clippers opened a 17-3 lead early in the game, Portland rallied for a 27-26 lead at the end of the first quarter. But the Clippers forged ahead 53-43 by halftime and led 83-81 at the end of the third period.

Portland tied the score 83-83 at the start of the fourth quarter, but Michael Brooks gave San Diego the lead for good with a 15-foot jumper. "They couldn't match up with us on a consistent basis," Walton said. "We have more size and we had control of the backboards."

"Basketball is a rhythm game — the more you play, the better your rhythm. The more I

play, the better my rhythm will be."

Although Walton played 38 minutes Sunday night in a good show of stamina, coach Paul Silas said his 6-foot-11 center "is not anything like he's going to be." "I got winded but I'm just happy to be out there and win a game," added Walton. "The more Bill gets a chance to practice the better off we are," Silas said. "He really leads things out there. Right now he's playing at about 75 percent."

76ers 124, Spurs 122: Andrew Toney scored 13 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter to pace Philadelphia over San Antonio. Toney sank two baskets in the last 90 seconds to keep the 76ers ahead of the Spurs, who rallied from eight points down midway through the fourth quarter.

Kings 120, Jazz 118: Ray Williams had 25 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists and hit two free throws with six seconds left to help Kansas City beat Utah. The Jazz trimmed an eight point deficit on a three-point goal with 21 seconds left by Darrell Griffith, who led Utah with 26 points.



RUNNING ATTACK: Pittsburgh Steeler running back Franco Harris (32) breaks New England Patriot Steve Nelsoo's (57) tackle during a gain in the first quarter of Sunday's National Football League game in Pittsburgh. The Steelers won 37-14.

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Dalglish tricks for Liverpool

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP) — Kenny Dalglish scored three goals Monday as Liverpool smashed Manchester City 5-2, and took another big strike toward retaining the English Soccer Championship title.

The dynamic Scottish star also provided the pass for a goal by Ian Rush, who took his season's total to 17.

Liverpool moved on to 43 points from 20 games. Nottingham Forest slammed Coventry 4-2 and jumped past Manchester United into second place with 38 points.

Manchester United, held to a 0-0 draw slowly Sunderland, dropped to third place with 36 points. West Ham edged Swansea 3-2 and moved up to fourth with 34.

The three leading teams were scheduled to complete their festive program Tuesday. All three faced difficult away matches — Liverpool at Sunderland, Forest at Everton and Manchester United at Coventry.

Liverpool shattered City with three goals in five minutes. Kenny Dalglish scored the first in the 17th minute. Three minutes later Phil Neal sent a shot crashing into the net off a post from 30 meters, and then Dalglish banged one in from the same distance. David Cross pulled one back for Manchester after a mistake by Liverpool captain Graeme Sou-

seus. Dalglish sent up a superb pass for Ian Rush to make it 4-1, and Dalglish himself scored his third goal three minutes from the end. Tommy Catoo headed a goal for City in the dying seconds.

Alan Sunderland scored in the 40th minute, and Arsenal grimly clung to the lead after defender Stewart Robson was sent off for a foul on Tony Galvin early in the second half. Four minutes from the end Tony Woodcock wrapped up the game for Arsenal with a low left-foot shot past goalkeeper Ray Clemence.

Clive Goodyear, a young defender, scored Luton's winner with a low drive from outside the penalty box in the 37th minute. Luther Blissett, England's oer striker, had two half-chances to equalize in the second half, but missed both.

A brilliant second half goal by Gary Birtles turned the game in favor of Forest, who twice trailed before half-time.

Swansea was sitting pretty at half-time, leading by two goals from Boh Latchford. West Ham charged back in a bruising second half. Clever individual runs by Alan Devonshire led to a penalty goal in the 48th minute and an equalizer by Francois Van Der Elst. Four minutes from the end Goddard shot West Ham's winner.

Martin O'Neill sent a superb shot into the net from 25 meters in the last minute to give Norwich victory. Peter Mendham, back after missing seven games through injury scored

the first goal for Norwich in the 24th minute. Russell Osman headed an equalizer. Mendham sent Norwich into the lead with another fine goal, and England star Paul Mariner headed Ipswich level.

Goalkeeper Chris Turner made three magnificent saves in the last few minutes of the match and helped Sunderland to stage the surprise of the day.

Giovanni Trapattoni, coach of Italian champion Juventus, watched his team's European Cup opponent Aston Villa and could hardly have been impressed.

Nasr advances

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Dec. 27 — Saleh Al Yahya bulged the net in the 44th minute to give Saudi Arabia's Nasr a 1-0 victory over Al Ahli of Kuwait in the Gulf Corporation Council Football Tournament here Monday.

English Soccer results

English Division One			Division Two		
Arsenal	2	Tottenham	0	Sheff Wednesday	0
Birmingham	3	Aston Villa	0	Boh	0
Brighton	0	Southampton	1	Burnley	0
Ipswich	2	Norwich	3	Crystal Palace	1
Luton	5	Man City	2	Fulham	1
Man United	1	Watford	0	Middlesbrough	1
Nottingham Forest	4	Sunderland	2	Newcastle	1
Sheff	2	Everton	0	Q.P. Rangers	2
West Bromwich	2	Notts County	2	Rotherham	3
West Ham	3	Swansea	2		

Division Three			Division Four		
Sheffsbury	0	Wolverhampton	2	Aldershot	1
Southend	1	Reading	2	Bristol	1
Cardiff	3	Newport	1	Cardiff	1
Exeter	1	Plymouth	0	Exeter	1
Gillingham	1	Southend	0	Gillingham	1
Huddersfield	3	Chatterfield	1	Huddersfield	1
Oxford	4	Bristol	2	Oxford	1
Portsmouth	2	Brantford	1	Portsmouth	1
Preston	0	Bradford	1	Preston	1
Sheff. United	3	Doncaster	1	Sheff. United	1
Walsall	1	Lincoln	1	Walsall	1
Wrexham	1	Wigan	1	Wrexham	1

Division One			Division Two		
Torquay	2	Hereford	1	Arbroath	1
Tranmere	2	Chester	4	East Fife	1
Wimbledon	1	Manfield	1	Montrose	1
York City	3	Bury	1	Stirling Albion	1

Scottish Premier Division			Division One		
Aberdeen	2	Kilmarnock	0	Raith	2
Celtic	5	Partick	0	St. Mirren	0
St. Mirren	0	Dundee	1	Ayr	0
				East Fife	3
				Greenock	2
				Hamilton	1
				Leith	1
				Partick Thistle	4
				Clyde	1

Division Two			Division Three		
Queen of the South	2		Arbroath	1	
Albion	3		East Fife	1	
Albion	4		Montrose	1	
Cowdenbeath	3		Stirling Albion	1	
Brechin City	1		Stranraer	1	
Berwick Rangers	0				



Kenny Dalglish...nets three

Imran grabs 8 to give Pakistan innings win

KARACHI, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Imran Khan's bowling gave Pakistan a handsome victory by an innings and 86 runs over India in the second Test here Monday.

The thirty-year-old skipper single-handedly destroyed the Indian second innings when he captured eight for 60, a new bowling record in matches between the two countries.

The visitors, who were hopelessly placed at 118 for seven at the close of the third day's play Saturday, melted before yet another fiery spell from Imran Khan to be all out for 197, 40 minutes before lunch on the fourth day.

The victory has put Pakistan 1-0 ahead in the six Test series. Although Pakistan gained the victory because of excellent team work, it was a personal triumph for captain Imran Khan, whose bowling made India's batting giants look mediocre. He finished with a haul of 11 wickets and was deservedly declared man-of-the-match.

The overnight batsman Dilip Vengsarkar and Madan Lal proved the experts wrong when play resumed Monday morning with the Indian second innings score at 118. They made a mockery of the trumpeted belief that the Indian innings would fold within fifteen minutes.

Both batted confidently and scored runs at a blistering pace. Madan Lal, who is known for his entertaining batting at home, was in his element. He clovered spinner Abdul Qadir and faced Imran with courage. He hit ten fours and one six in his unbeaten innings of 52.

Dilip Vengsarkar picked up his batting where he had left at the close of the third day's play.

The Indian fortunes, which seemed soaring, suddenly sagged when Imran Khan changed ends and came to bowl from the pavilion end. In his second half of his first over from that end he had Dilip Vengsarkar caught at the wicket for 79.

That spelt the end of the Indian fight back, which had been delayed for much too long. With his second ball Imran had the overcast Mohinder Singh leg before with a full toss.

He missed a hat-trick when he failed to gain the wicket of the last man, Dilip I. But in the very next over he clean bowled Doshi to clinch Pakistan's victory.

The third Test will be played at Faisalabad from Jan. 3.

Score-board

India (1st innings)		Pakistan (1st innings)	
S. Gavaskar	b Imran	Arif Lal	b Qadir
Arun Lal	b Qadir	D. Vengsarkar	c Wazir Bari b Imran
D. Vengsarkar	c Wazir Bari b Imran	G. Viswanath	b Imran
G. Viswanath	b Imran	M. Azharuddin	b Imran
M. Azharuddin	b Imran	S. Paul	b Imran
S. Paul	b Imran	S. Kirmani	c Malik b Qadir
S. Kirmani	c Malik b Qadir	Kapil Dev	b Imran
Kapil Dev	b Imran	Madan Lal	not out
Madan Lal	not out	M. Singh	b Imran
M. Singh	b Imran	D. Doshi	b Imran
D. Doshi	b Imran	Extras	0
Extras	0	Total	197

Fall of wicket: 1-28, 2-102, 3-108, 4-112, 5-112, 6-113, 7-114, 8-197, 9-197.

Rain halts play in Adelaide

ADELAIDE, South Australia, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Completion of the men's singles final at the \$75,000 South Australian men's Open has been postponed until Tuesday because of rain.

Mark Bauer of the United States and Australia's Chris Johnstone were one-all in the first set when a downpour halted play.

Bauer, who has made a flight reservation to America almost daily for the past week, is scheduled to fly out of Sydney Tuesday afternoon but he will have to rearrange his departure yet again. Johnstone will also have to alter plans, as he was due to play in the Victorian Open in Melbourne Tuesday.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Guy Forget of France breezed past Spain's Martin Jaitte, 6-4, 6-3, to move into the final of the boys' 18 of the El Estrella Orange Bowl World Junior Tennis Championships at Miami Beach Sunday.

Forget's final-round opponent will be unseeded Jorge Baccaro of Spain, who

Bruins maintain unbeaten streak

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP) — Brad Park, Mike O'Connell and Barry Pederson scored power-play goals Sunday night as the Boston Bruins extended their home unbeaten streak to 12 games with a 5-2 National Hockey League victory over the New Jersey Devils.

In other matches, Thomas Jonson, Bryan Trottier and Duane Sutter scored third-period goals to break a scoreless game and give the New York Islanders a 3-2 victory over the Hartford Whalers.

Peter Lee and Rick Kehoe scored second-period goals to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 4-3 victory over the New York Rangers.

Former Detroit Red Wing Mike Foligno scored near the five-minute mark on a perfect

knocked off third-seeded Ronald Agenor of Haiti, 6-4, 6-3.

In the girls' 18 competition, the anticipated all-American final between top seeds Beth Herr and Gretchen Rush was snipped a round short when both were beaten. Fourth-seeded Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria took care of Rush, 6-2, 6-3, while third-ranked Carling Bassett of Canada eliminated top-seeded Herr in three sets, 7-5, 0-6, 6-4.

Resurgent Jimmy Connors has earned the No. 1 ranking among male tennis professionals from *Tennis Magazine*, the publication announced Monday.

Scheduled for publication in the magazine's February issue, the annual rankings include, in order behind Connors: Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, John McEnroe, Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, Mats Wilander of Sweden, Vitas Gerulaitis, Gene Mayer, Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina, Yannick Noah of France and Jose Higueras of Spain.



Daley Thompson...decathlon champ

Thompson voted sportsman of year

ROME, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — British athlete Daley Thompson and West German sprinter Marita Koch were voted sportsman and sportswoman of the year by readers of Milan sports daily *La Gazzetta dello Sport*.

Italy World Cup star Paolo Rossi figured only in sixth place in the men's rankings.

Men: 1. Daley Thompson (Britain) 558 points, Jimmy Connors (U.S. — tennis) 522, Giuseppe Saragat (Italy — cycling) 486, Carl Lewis (U.S. — athletics) 281, Franco Uccini (Italy — motorcycling) 274, Paolo Rossi (Italy — football) 264, Valdimir Salnikov (USSR — swimming) 257, Bernard Hinault (France — cycling) 245, Marvin Hagler (U.S. — boxing) 244, Michael Cross (W. Germany — swimming) 182.

Women: Marita Koch (E. Germany — athletics) 820 points, Ulrike Meyfarth (W. Germany — athletics) 563, Erika Hess (Switzerland — skiing) 537, Martina Navratilova (U.S. — tennis) 421, Olga Bichnerova (USSR — gymnastics) 399, Cornelia Sirch (E. Germany — swimming) 385, Michele Mouton (France — auto) 342, Petra Schneider (E. Germany — swimming) 298, Chris Evert (U.S. — tennis) 271, Dorina Vaccaroni (Italy — fencing) 264.

But the French sports daily *L'Equipe*, named Rossi the sportsman of the year.

L'Equipe named another World Cup man, Alain Giresse, as French sportsman of the year.

Restricting Aussies to three-run lead

MELBOURNE, Dec. 27 (AP) — England's bowlers breathed new life into the battle for the Ashes on the second day of the fourth Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Monday when they bowled out Australia for under 300 for the first time in the series.

All the bowlers had the batsmen in trouble at various stages and for the first time in the series the workload was evenly shared, both in overs bowled and wickets taken, as Australia were dismissed for 287.

Australia were all out just before stumps and held a lead of only three runs after another fascinating day on the reconstructed MCG wicket. And for the first time since the opening Test in Perth, England, 2-0 down in the series, are in with a chance of victory, one which would keep their hopes of retaining the Ashes alive.

Australia's position could have been worse, but for partnerships of 91 between David Hughes and Kim Hughes and 81 between Hughes and a back-to-form Rod Marsh.

However, the fact that there were three half centuries and a 47 in the Australian total, and none of those batsmen went on to make a big score was a disappointing aspect of the innings. Opener Kepler Wessels made a marvellous 47 and each of Hughes, Hughes and Marsh a half century, but the big innings that was needed from one of these players wasn't forthcoming.

England skipper Bob Willis and Ian Botham were again the spearheads, but for a change had some assistance, from the previously disappointing speed pair, Norman Cowans and Derek Pringle, as well as off-spinner Geoff Miller. Willis took 3 for 38 and Miller 3 for 44 to be the most successful bowlers, but the roles played by the other members of the attack were invaluable.

Botham took 1 for 69 and Pringle 1 for 40 but each could easily have had better figures. However, the West Indian-born Cowans, who has had little to enthuse about in the series so far, was the man put the Australians back on their heels with just two deliveries.

The Australian openers were cruising at 55 for no loss when Cowans had John Dyson (21) lbw, but the breakthrough the Englishmen really wanted came with the next ball. Cowans baited Greg Chappell with a bouncer and the Australian skipper fell for the trap in identical fashion to his dismissal in the second innings of the Brisbane Test. He skied the ball to deep square-leg, where Allan Lamb made a difficult catch look easy.

Wessels, who looked on-course for a century, was the third man out at 83 when he was bowled by Willis, a fate which later befell both Hughes and Marsh.

As in England's innings on the opening day, there were periods of magnificent batting Monday, but the English bowlers always seemed on the verge of a breakthrough.

The wicket, although not as unpredictable as the now-defunct strip that came in for severe criticism during the past four seasons, gave the bowlers plenty of help, as did the intense humidity which prevailed from the start of play.

Botham, whose bowling was lacklustre before lunch, mainly due to his dissatisfaction with the shape of the ball, was a new bowler after that break. He swung the ball prodigiously both ways and put Allan Border's Test place in further jeopardy with a gem of a delivery in the first over after lunch.

Botham produced an in-swing which beat the left-hander through the air and clean-bowled him. Border made only two

and his six innings in the series to date have totalled only 83 runs.

West Australian Graeme Wood is in the Australian squad for the fifth Test in Sydney, which starts next Sunday and seemingly only a century from Border in the second innings here can save his spot in the team.

Australia were in desperate trouble when Border went at 4 for 89, but then Hughes and Hughes produced their tremendous 91 run stand.

Hookes lived dangerously — he often flashed at balls outside off stump and twice survived confident lbw appeals by Botham, but some of his stroke-making was a delight to watch. He made 53 in 101 minutes, including seven fours, almost all of which came from cover-drives or square-cuts.

Hookes was out in the second last over, before tea when he was caught by wicket-keeper Bob Taylor off medium-pace Derek Pringle and his departure signalled the start of the 81-run Hughes-Marsh stand.



Hughes...in two fighting stands

Wessels...spearsends the fightback

Score-board

England (1st innings)		Australia (1st innings)	
K. Wessels	b Willis	0	
J. Dyson	b Willis	21	
G. Chappell	c Lamb b Cowans	0	
K. Hughes	b Willis	66	
A. Border	b Botham	2	
D. Hughes	c Taylor b Pringle	53	
R. Marsh	b Willis	53	
B. Yardley	b Miller	9	

Fall of wicket: 1-55, 2-55, 3-83, 4-89, 5-180, 6-261, 7-276, 8-279, 9-279.

Bowling: Willis 15-2-58-3; Botham 16-3-69-1; Cowans 16-0-69-2; Pringle 15-3-40-1; Miller 15-5-44-3.

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Louisiana, Colorado ravaged by floods

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP) — Floods from almost 15 inches (38 centimeters) of rain washed through Louisiana communities Monday, blocking more than 1,000 persons from their homes, and Colorado residents were urged to stay home until the snow from a blizzard could be cleared.

In northern Mississippi, rescuers in boats and four-wheel drive vehicles evacuated dozens of families early Monday as rain sent rivers out of their banks and marked the state's wettest December on record. Massive traffic jams developed Monday in snow-bound Denver and delays continued at Stapleton International Airport as the city dug out from under the record weekend blizzard that claimed three lives.

Colorado authorities urged commuters to stay home unless they had jobs essential to public safety. The Colorado state patrol was forced to close a section of an interstate highway near downtown Denver when some

low-level radioactive material spilled from a vat. Steady weekend rain spilled waters from bloated rivers into residential areas of Louisiana, forcing evacuations across the central and northeastern part of the state, officials said. Another 3 to 6 inches were predicted for Monday.

In the Denver area, meanwhile, snowplow drivers worked through the night trying to clear up to four feet of snow that paralyzed traffic and shut down Stapleton International Airport for 36 hours during and after the blizzard.

The airport, jammed with thousands of people trying to return home after the holidays in the Denver area, was operating with two of its four runways open. "Thousands of people here are sick, tired and frustrated," said Dr. Bruce Malone, a surgeon from Austin, Texas, who had been stranded at Stapleton for two days with his family of four.

Kremlin grants limited amnesty

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (R) — The Kremlin Monday decreed a limited amnesty for prisoners to mark the 60th anniversary of the Soviet Union but this did not appear to affect the lot of hundreds of imprisoned dissidents. The amnesty, decreed by the Supreme Soviet (parliament) and published by the Soviet news agency Tass, applied to certain categories of men and women serving either suspended sentences or terms up to five years in labor camps or prisons. Tass said the

amnesty would not apply to prisoners convicted of dangerous state crimes, a definition which by the letter of Soviet law encompasses the hundreds of dissidents at present serving labor camp and prison terms.

The vast bulk of dissidents are serving terms of up to seven years on charges of anti-Soviet agitation or defamation which are regarded as dangerous crimes against the state. Tass said those prisoners who had seen military action in defense of the Soviet Union and those who had received state honors would benefit from the amnesty.

The official pardon also extended to expectant mothers, irrespective of length of prison term, and those women who had children of 17 years of age or under. Tass said. Men over 60 years, women over 55 and invalids would also benefit, Tass said. The decree said the pardon did not extend to those who had been convicted of murder, rape, attacks on police, robbery or serious economic crimes such as large-scale stealing of state property.

Those convicted of large-scale bribery or bribe-taking would also not be eligible for release, Tass said. The amnesty made no reference to 29 Japanese fishermen whom the Japanese Foreign Ministry has said the Soviet Union is ready to release. The fishermen have been detained for suspected violations of Soviet territorial waters. Western diplomats said it was almost impossible to calculate how many prisoners would be released but since such a large number of offences were not covered by the amnesty, it was clearly of limited scope.

Talks at The Hague Surinam makes secret efforts to meet crisis

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Dec. 27 (AFP) — The neighboring republic of Surinam is making desperate behind-the-scenes efforts to resolve difficulties that followed the execution of several prominent citizens, allegedly involved in a plot to overthrow the government.

Surinamese now in this country claim that the military, having taken complete control of the administration, "is hoping for the best, while preparing for the worst". The man in command and control is Lt. Col. Desi Bouterse, who has reportedly outmaneuvered every soldier and civilian with ambitions to rule the former Dutch colony.

Responsible sources are convinced that Col. Bouterse has a mission in The Hague for talks with the Dutch government, "to see if, and how, the mess can be cleaned up to the advantage and benefit of the people of Surinam".

The leader of the mission is said to be

public prosecutor and fiscal auditor Ramon de Freitas. Other members include Surinam's prominent labor leader Fred Derby, who at one stage, was reported killed. The military is reported to be seriously concerned over decisions taken by the American and the Netherlands governments to suspend all aid to Surinam as a result of the latest crisis.

Under an agreement between Surinam and Holland, \$95 million should be paid to Surinam before Jan. 31 next. But there is little likelihood that this money will be given. There are indications that the U.S. and the Netherlands governments are in close consultation over Surinam, particularly after experts detected that the military was attempting to play the U.S. and Holland — both NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) countries — off against each other.

Poland ridicules Italian charge

WARSAW, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — A Polish government newspaper Monday ridiculed charges of Bulgarian involvement in the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II, calling them "slander against... Socialist states."

The commentary in the daily *Zycie Warszawy* (Warsaw life), echoed similar denials in the Soviet and Bulgarian press. Information Minister Jerzy Urban, asked last week to comment on the allegations against Bulgaria, said: "We are not surprised that after attacks on Poland, there are attacks on other Socialist countries." Monday's newspaper commentary said that Italian politicians singled out Bulgaria for their accusations because Ali Agca, the Turk sentenced to life in prison for his May 13, 1981, attempt on the life of the Polish-born pope, had passed through the Balkan state on his way to Western Europe.

It said that Sergei Antonov, a Bulgarian Airlines official arrested in connection with

the shooting, was chosen by the Italians because "he was not protected by diplomatic immunity." Officials in Italy have suggested Agca received help from the Bulgarian secret police. "Despite the absence of official charges and evidence (against Antonov), Western mass media have unleashed a huge campaign, whose contents are mainly accusations and slanders against Bulgaria and other Socialist states," the newspaper said. It cited Bulgarian media comments that the campaign consisted of "often ridiculous and simply trumped-up charges."

Meanwhile in Rome, the Italian news agency ANSA said the state prosecutor in charge of investigating the shooting of the pope has no intention of resigning.

Quoting unnamed judicial sources, ANSA said Mario Marrella plans to see the investigation of the attempted assassination of the pope through to the end. That followed a report Friday by the daily *American* in Rome that said Marrella had asked to be removed from the case because he felt it had turned into a "political fiasco."

South Koreans betrayed by U.S., Kim says

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Most South Koreans feel betrayed by Washington's failure to impose a return to democracy in South Korea, South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae Jung said in an interview published in Monday's *New York Times*.

Kim arrived in Washington last Thursday after being authorized to come to the U.S. for treatment for arthritis. According to his wife, however, the necessary treatment is easily available in South Korea, where Kim was serving a 20-year jail term for subversion.

Paris group claims bombing

PARIS, Dec. 27 (AP) — A mysterious group calling itself Bakounine-Gdansk claimed responsibility Monday for the bombing that seriously damaged a business owned by Baron Edouard-Jean Empain over the weekend, according to a Paris newspaper.

There were no injuries in the blast that occurred just before 6 a.m. Sunday and destroyed much of the ground level office of Air Materiel-Aerofico Suisse Company in Paris' 15th district. Several cars parked near the building also were damaged. Air Materiel is an aeronautical and military equipment sales company purchased in June by Empain.

Mauritius premier meets Tikhonov

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Mauritian Prime Minister Anserood Jugnauth Monday had "cordial and friendly" talks here with Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov, the Tass news agency reported.

Jugnauth, whose left-wing coalition government came to power in June, was in Moscow to attend last week's celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the Soviet Union. Tass said the two leaders discussed the international situation and called for improved bilateral cooperation.

Indian expedition nearing Antarctica

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (AFP) — India's second expedition to Antarctica was within 100 kilometers of the continent's shores Monday after ploughing through thick ice since Sunday, the Press Trust of India reported.

PTI said reports received Monday morning indicated that the Norwegian ship *Polar Sikaly*, chartered by the expedition, was at a position 69 degrees south and 13 degrees east. Helicopters took off from the ship for the first time Monday in calm but cloudy skies to look for an ice-free passage to the landing, it added.

The 28-member team led by V.K. Raina, director of the Geological Survey of India, left Goa, on the western coast of India, Dec. 1.

Japanese premier plans tour of ASEAN in May

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone will tour the five capitals of the non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the first week of May. Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe said Monday.

Abe said in press interviews that the government has started consultations with the five countries — Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — on the premier's proposed tour.

The newspaper *Mainichi* reported earlier

that Premier Nakasone wanted to profit from the tour to explain Japan's idea of defending sea lanes up to 1,000 miles off its shores and, at the same time, dispel Southeast Asia's fear of a resurgence of Japanese militarism.

Following his summit with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington in mid-January, Nakasone wants to seek cooperation from the ASEAN nations in implementing U.S.-Japan defense arrangements and defending 1,000-mile sea lanes, the paper said.

Thai Communists surrender

BANGKOK, Dec. 27 (R) — Hundreds of Communist guerrillas and many sympathizers surrendered their weapons to the Thai army Monday at a ceremony in northwestern Thailand, an army spokesman said.

He said some 300 guerrillas, mostly of the Karen and Hmong hill tribes, said they were giving up their armed insurgency when they handed over their guns at the ceremony in Tak province presided over by Army Commander-in-Chief Gen. Arthit Kamlang-Ek. He said many Communist

sympathizers also took part in the ceremony, the second mass surrender in Thailand this month. About 250 guerrillas and 800 sympathizers laid down their arms in northeastern Thailand three weeks ago.

Army spokesmen said a political and military campaign against the Communist Party of Thailand had reduced the number of guerrillas from 13,000 four years ago to about 6,500. They said guerrillas agreed to surrender in return for immunity and a chance to lead peaceful, reformed lives.

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Berlin	3	37	7	45	cloudy
Brussels	5	41	11	52	cloudy
Buenos Aires	26	79	40	104	clear
Cairo	10	50	23	73	cloudy
Dublin	5	41	0	32	clear
Frankfurt	4	39	4	39	rain
Geneva	-3	27	6	43	clear
Havana	21	70	28	82	clear
Helsinki	3	37	5	41	cloudy
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Honolulu	19	66	29	84	cloudy
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Kuala Lumpur	24	75	32	90	rain
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